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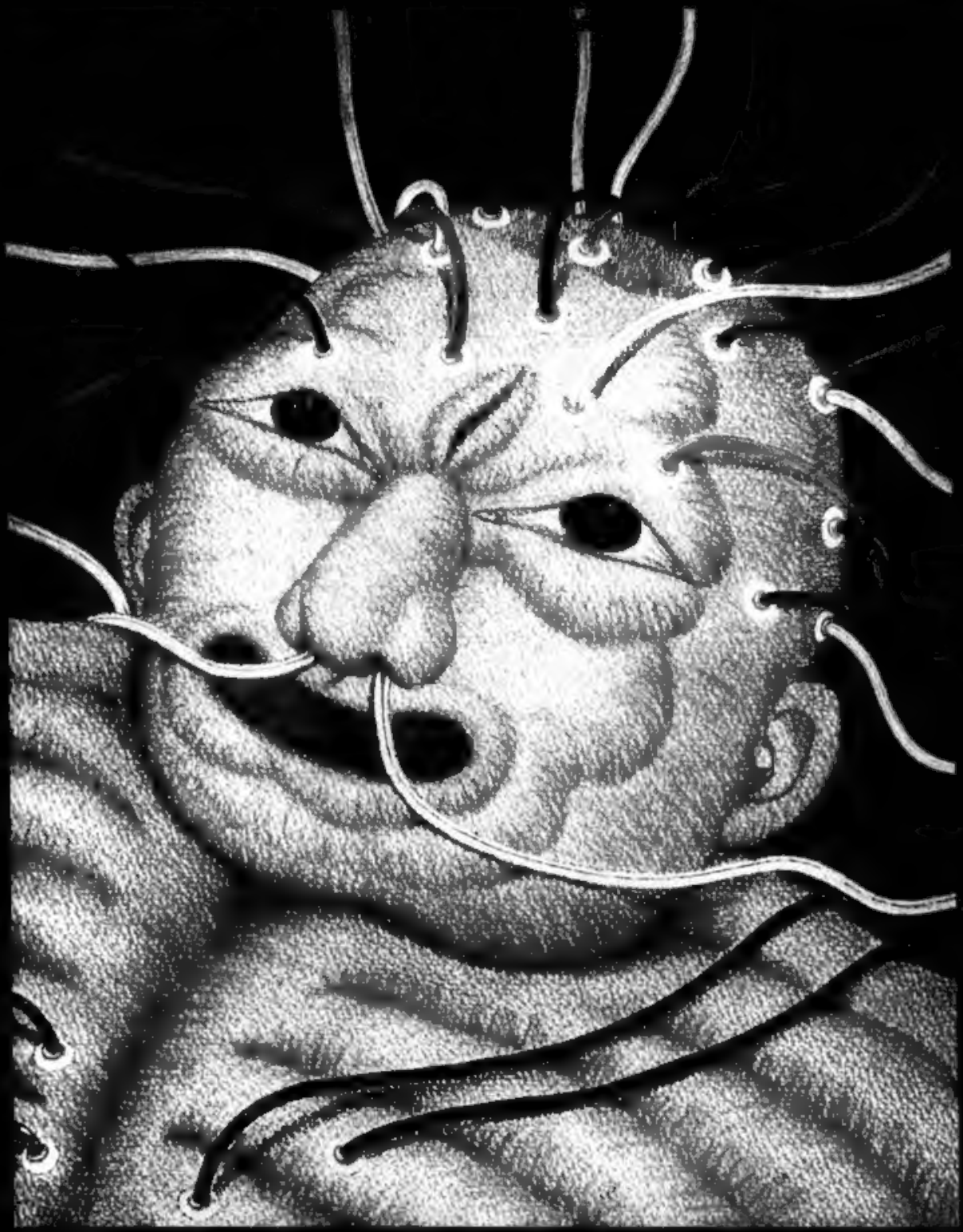
Osaka Police Hospital

# 大阪警察病院

...Bakune Young is still alive. Six years since he wreaked havoc on Japan, the brain-damaged Bakune still breathes in his coma.

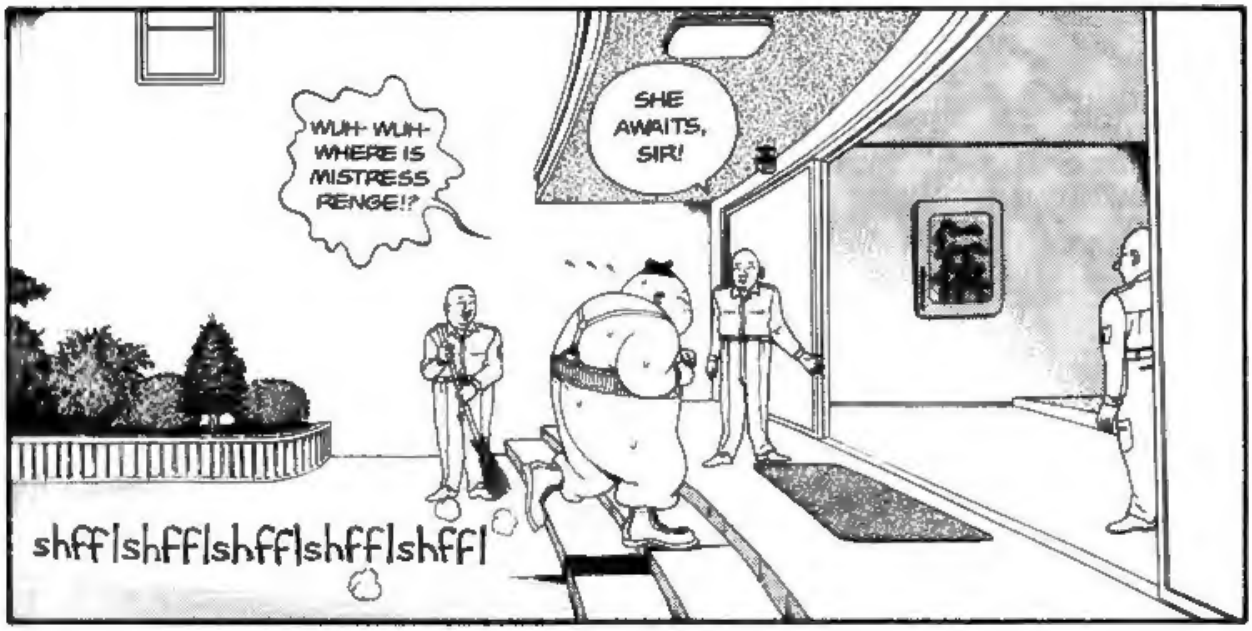
Although he deserves the severest sentence for the **heinous crimes** he committed, Bakune will never face trial as long as he remains comatose.

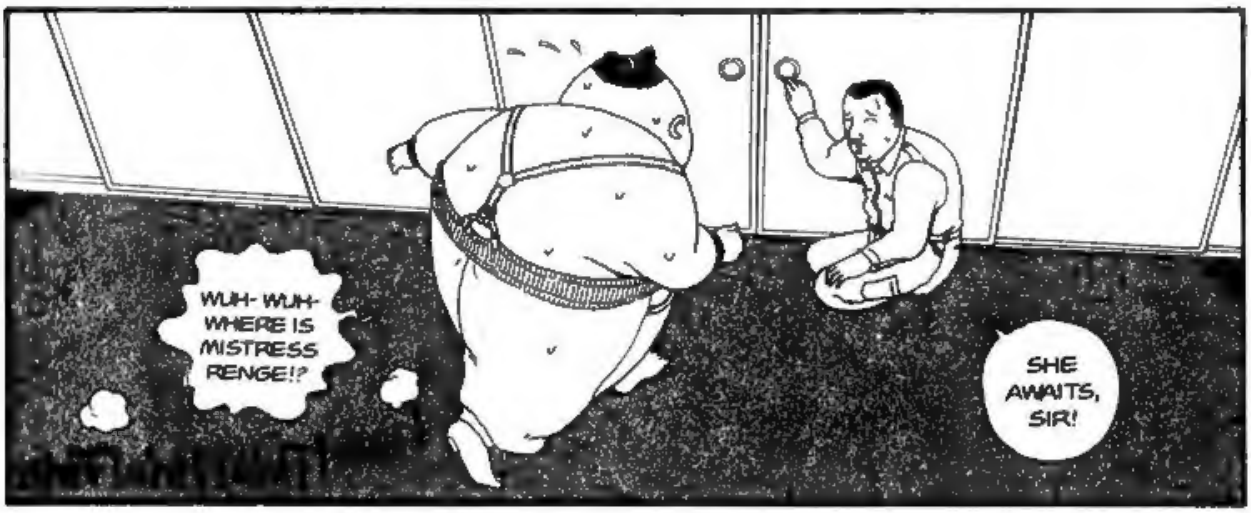
On the other hand, if Bakune **had** faced trial, the court might very well have concluded he was **legally insane** and as a result he might have been **let go** under Criminal Law Article 39...which raises the question...

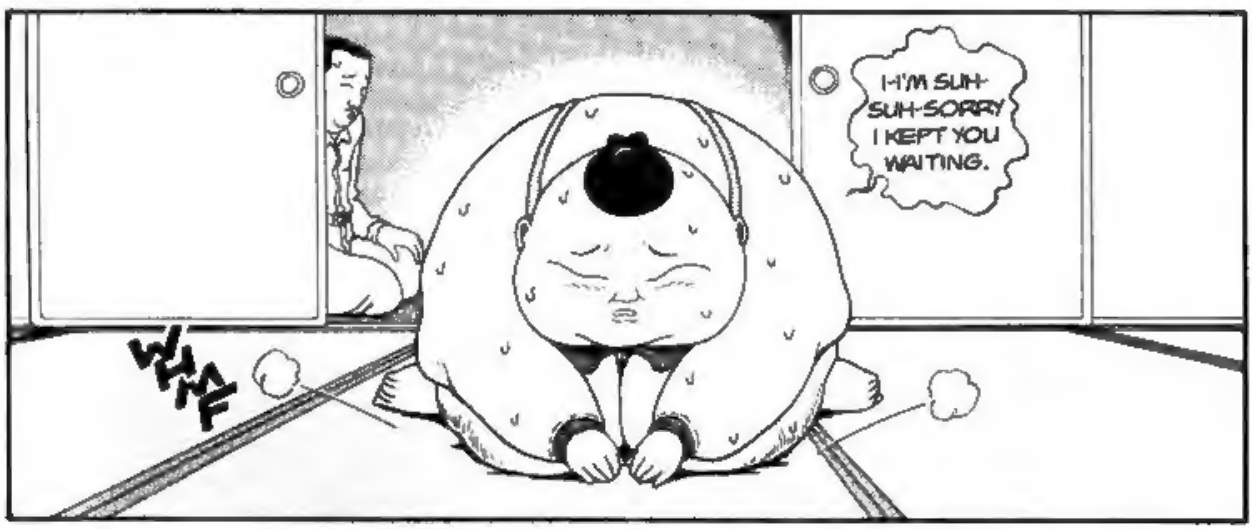


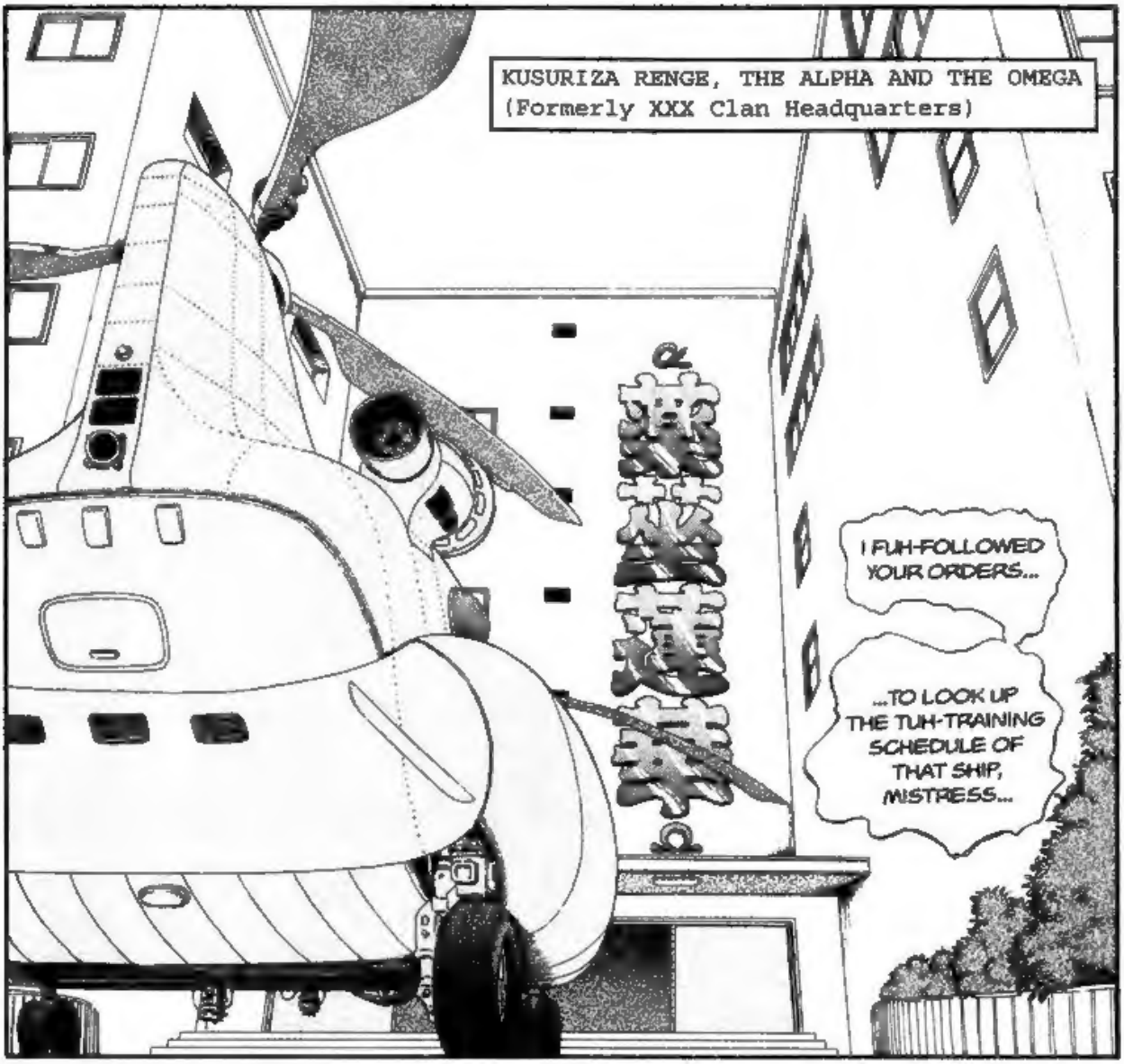
...was this... God's judgment...?!?

Not **exactly** following in Bakune's footsteps "to rule the yen-tire world," **Renge Yakuza** also...

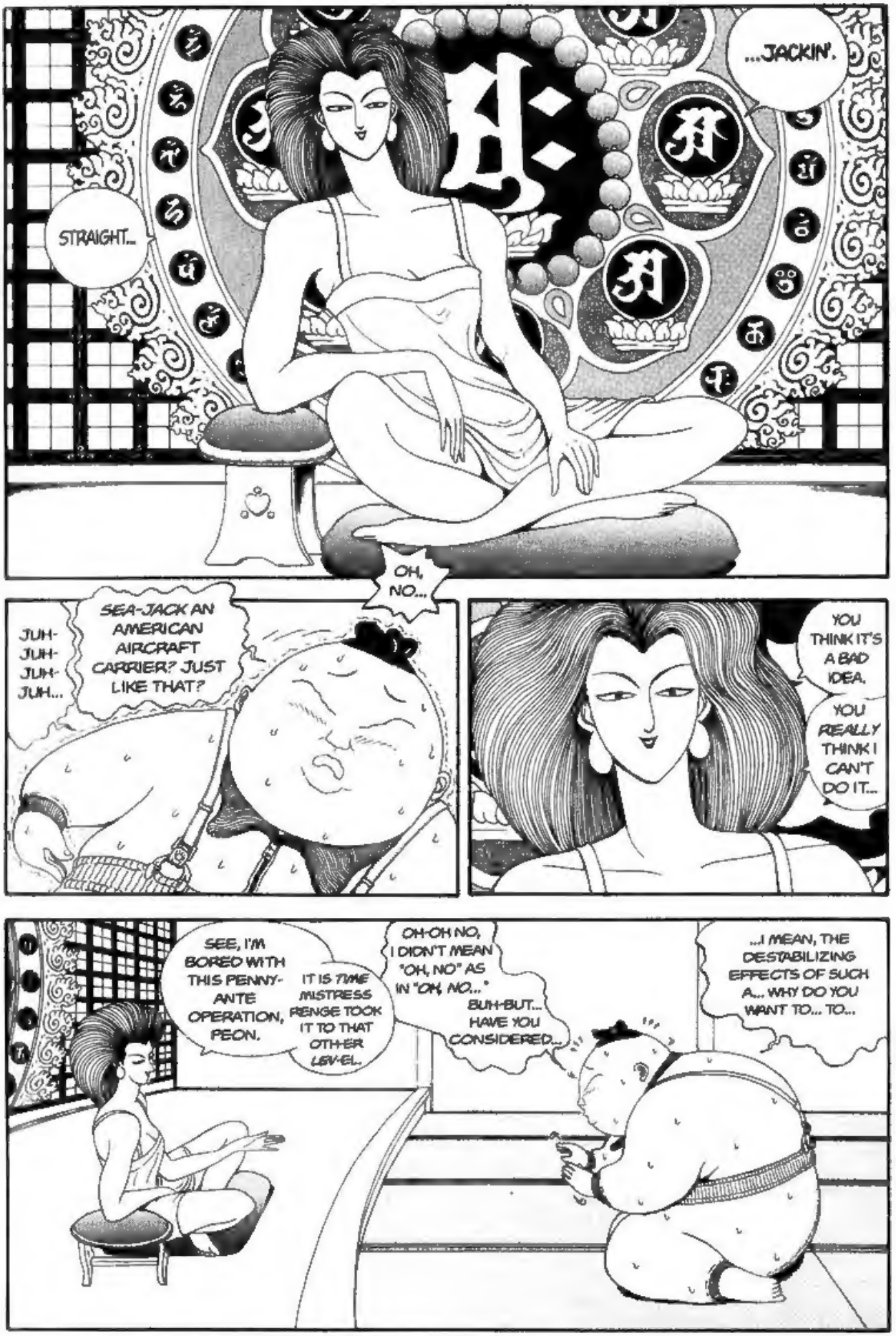


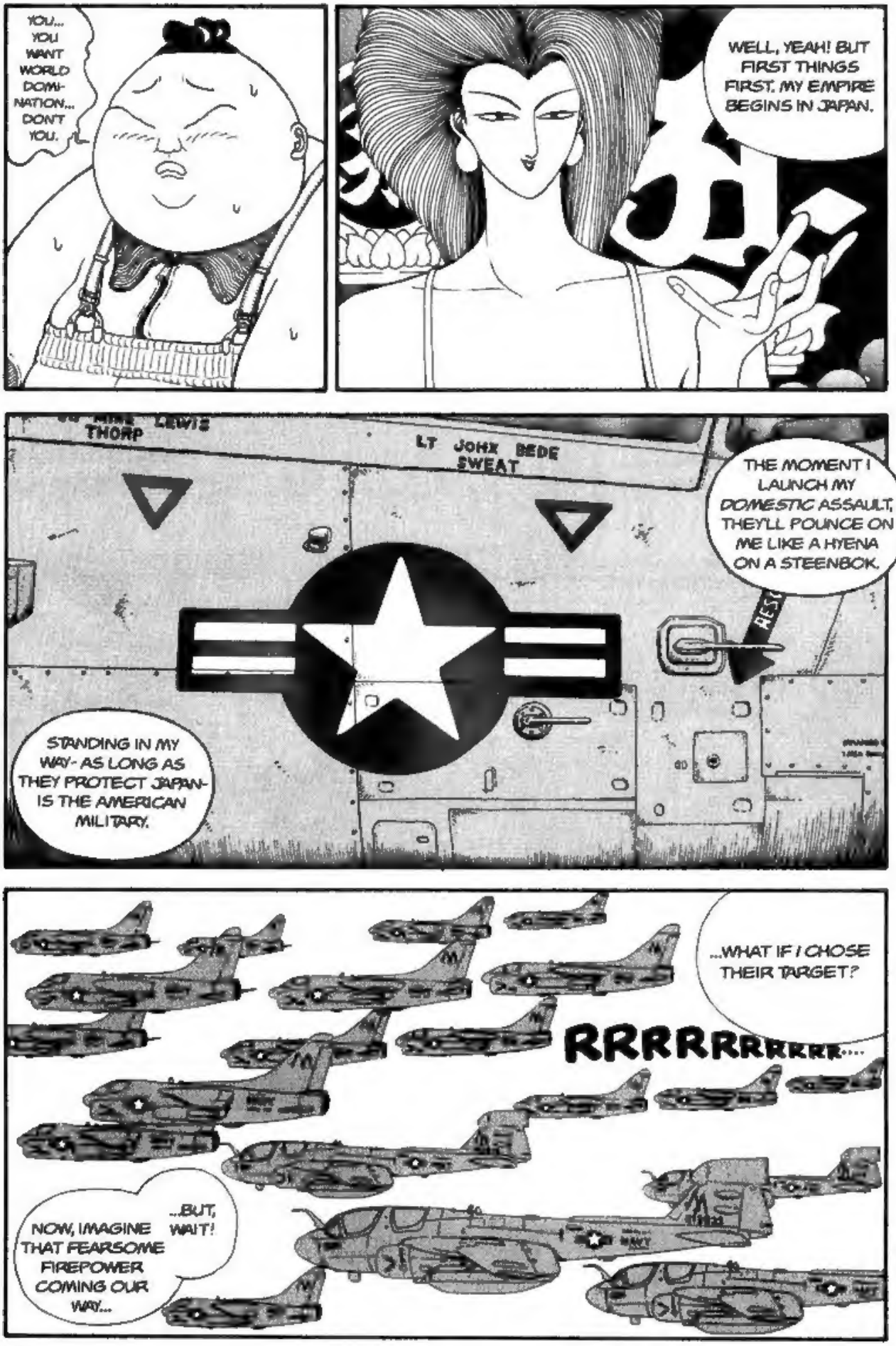



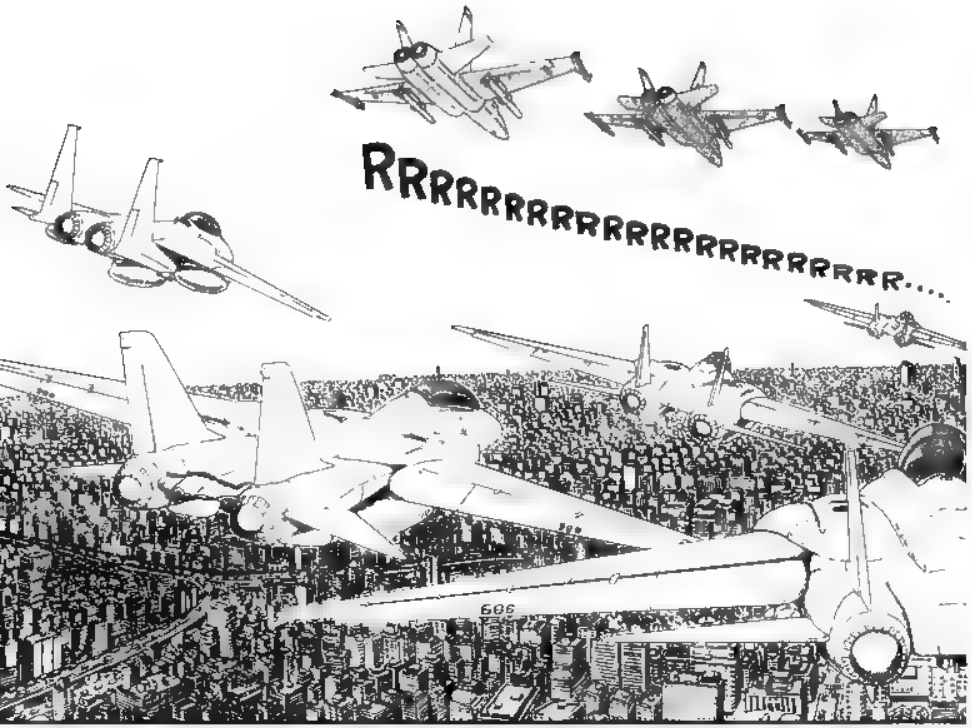

KUSURIZA RENGE, THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA
(Formerly XXX Clan Headquarters)
I FUH-FOLLOWED YOUR ORDERS...
...TO LOOK UP THE TUH-TRAINING SCHEDULE OF THAT SHIP, MISTRESS...

WUH-WHAT IN THE WORLD DO YOU PLAN ON DOING?


STRAIGHT...
...JACKIN'.
OH, NO...
JUH-JUH-JUH-JUH...
SEA-JACK AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER? JUST LIKE THAT?
YOU THINK IT'S A BAD IDEA.
YOU REALLY THINK I CAN'T DO IT...
SEE, I'M BORED WITH THIS PENNY-ANTE OPERATION, PEON.
IT IS TIME MISTRESS RENGE TOOK IT TO THAT OTHER LEV-EL.
OH-OH NO, I DIDN'T MEAN "OH, NO" AS IN "OH, NO..."
BUH-BUT... HAVE YOU CONSIDERED...
...I MEAN, THE DESTABILIZING EFFECTS OF SUCH A... WHY DO YOU WANT TO... TO...


YOU... YOU WANT WORLD DOMI-NATION... DON'T YOU.
WELL, YEAH! BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST. MY EMPIRE BEGINS IN JAPAN.
THORP
LEWIS
LT JOHN BEDE SWEAT
THE MOMENT I LAUNCH MY DOMESTIC ASSAULT, THEY'LL POUNCE ON ME LIKE A HYENA ON A STEENBOK.
STANDING IN MY WAY- AS LONG AS THEY PROTECT JAPAN- IS THE AMERICAN MILITARY.
...WHAT IF I CHOSE THEIR TARGET?
RRRRRRRRRRR....
NOW, IMAGINE THAT FEARSOME FIREPOWER COMING OUR WAY...
...BUT, WAIT!

YES. JUST IMAGINE IF THEIR TARGET...
...MMM, COME ON, BABY...
yank, yank, yank
...C-CON THEM INTO...
...WAS SOMETHING SO PREPOST EROUS...
Y-YOU'RE GOING TO CON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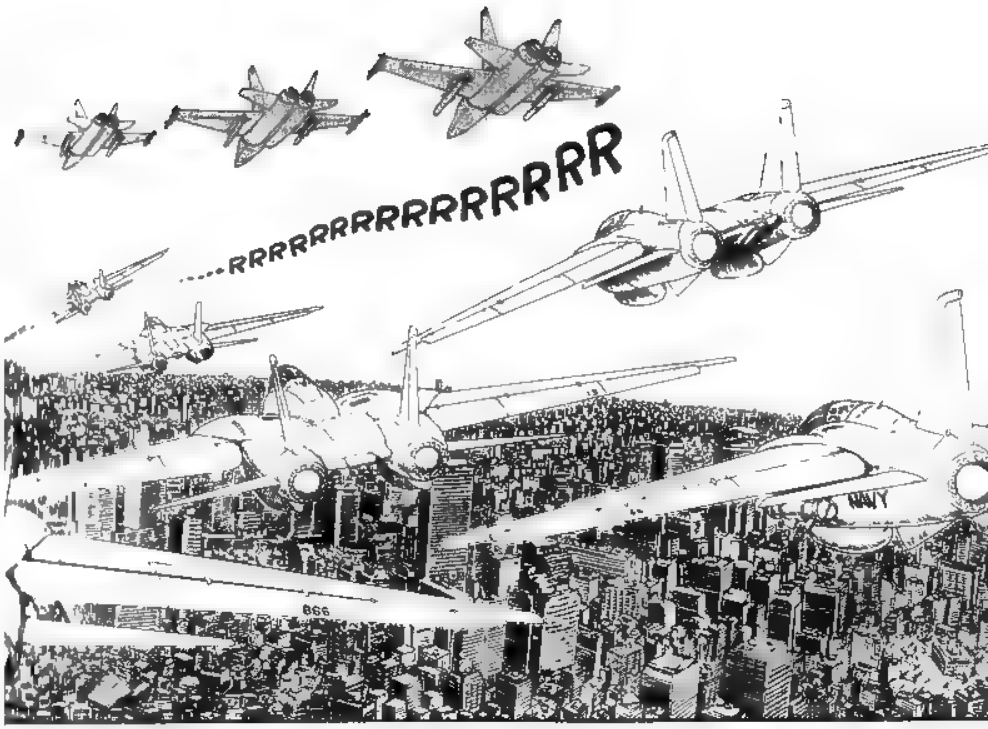
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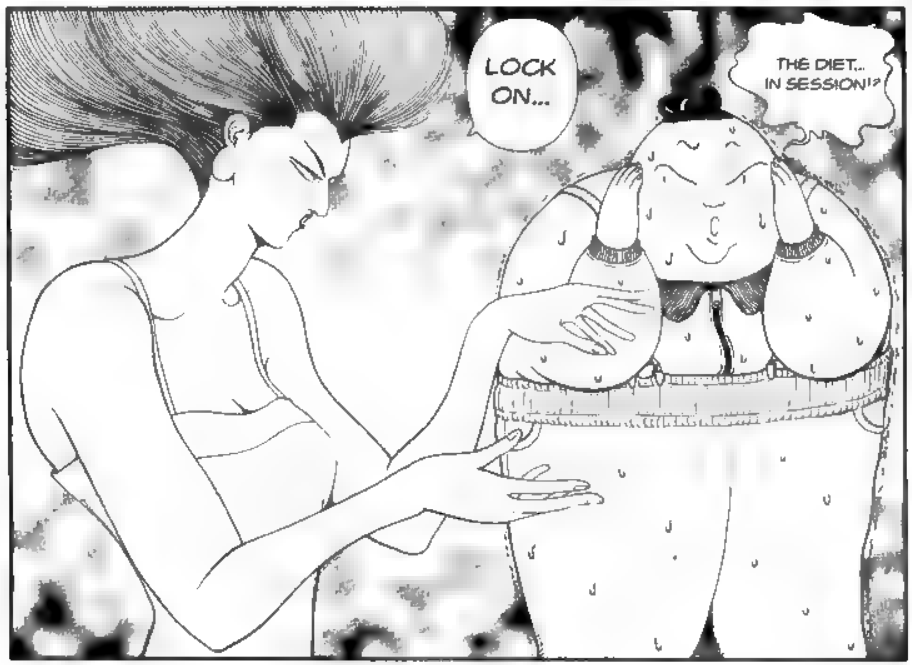
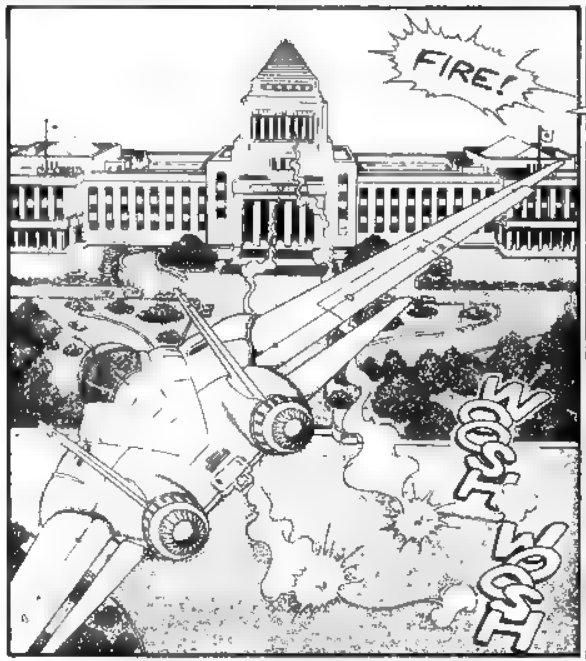
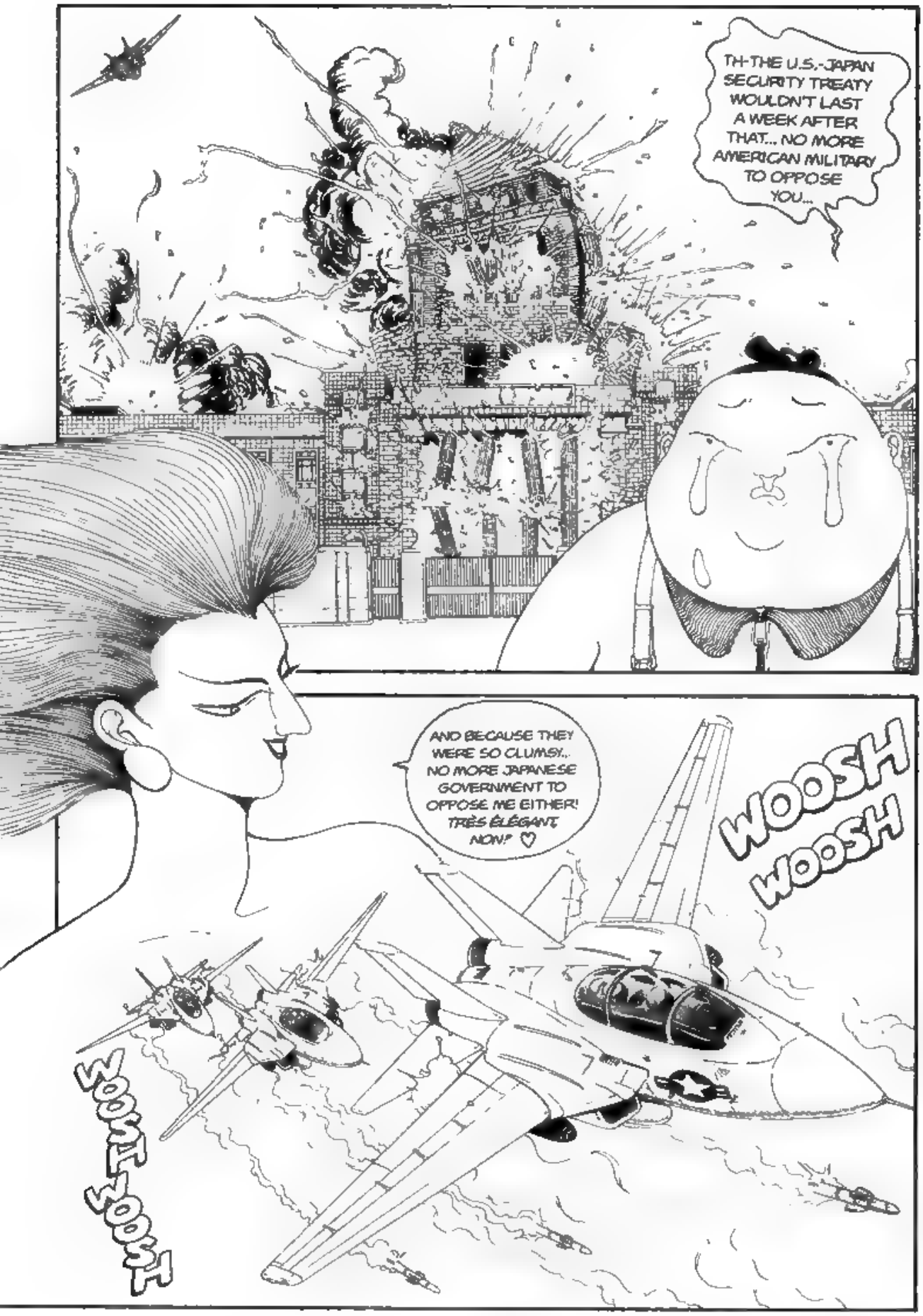
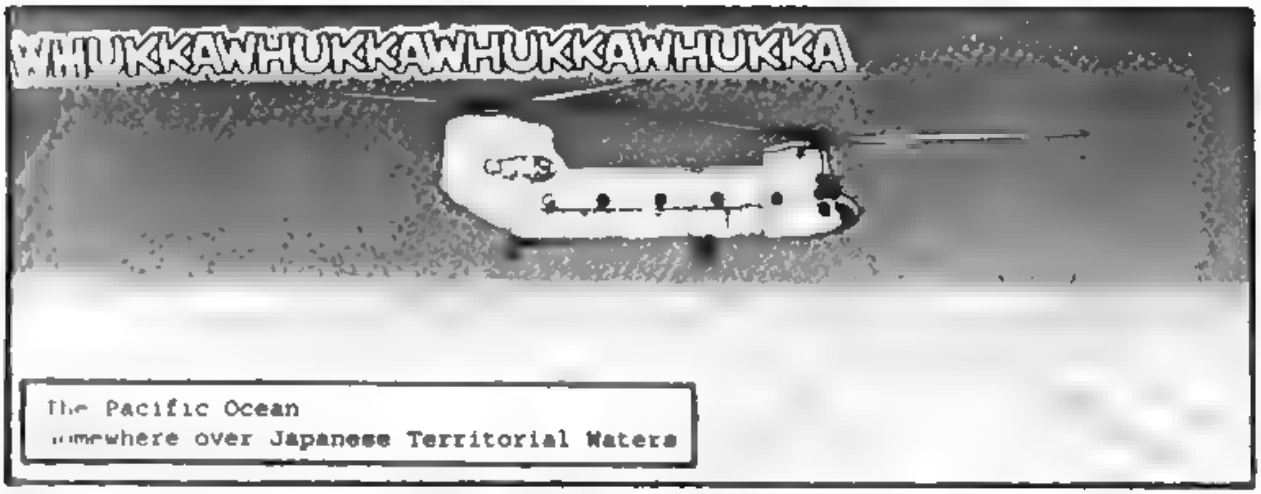
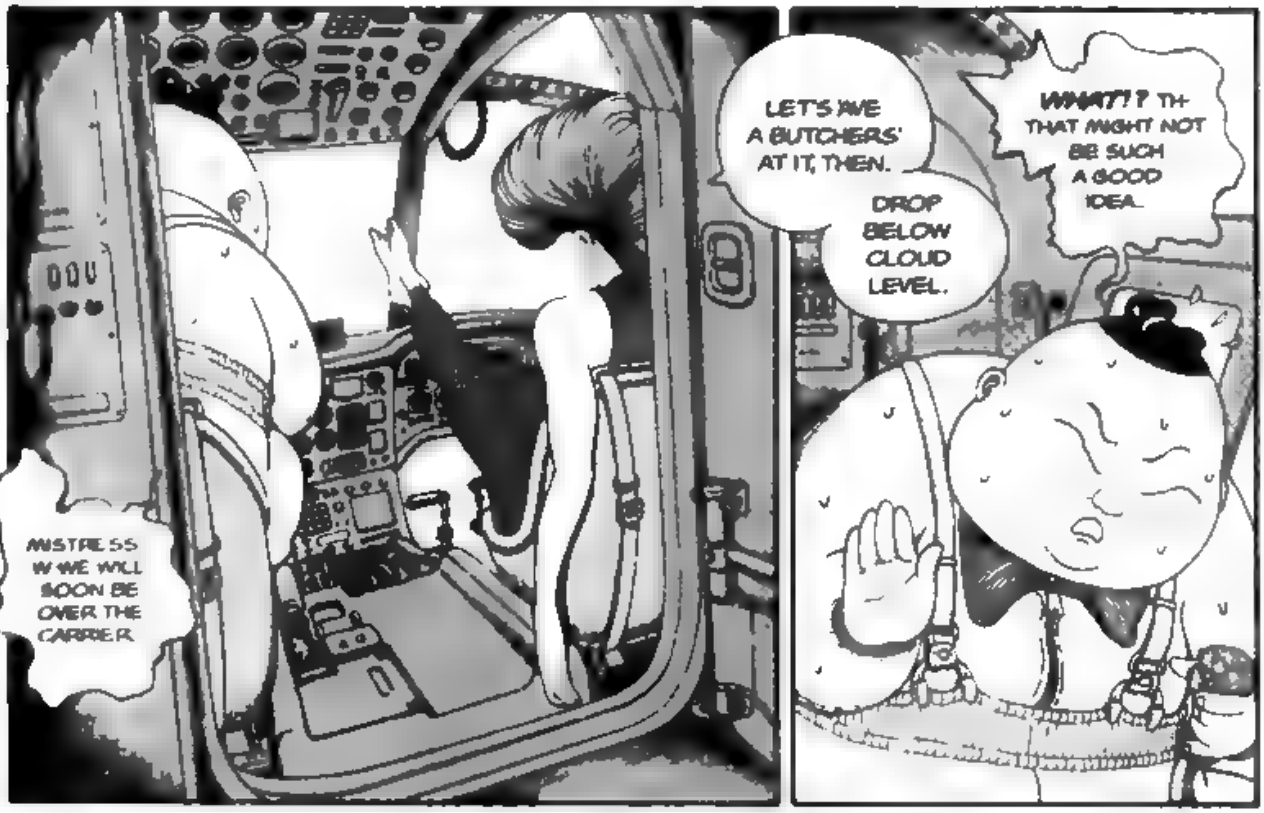

LOCK ON...
THE DIET... IN SESSION!?


FIRE!
WOOSH
WOOSH

HUH-HUH-HUH-
FUH-FUH-FIRE!?

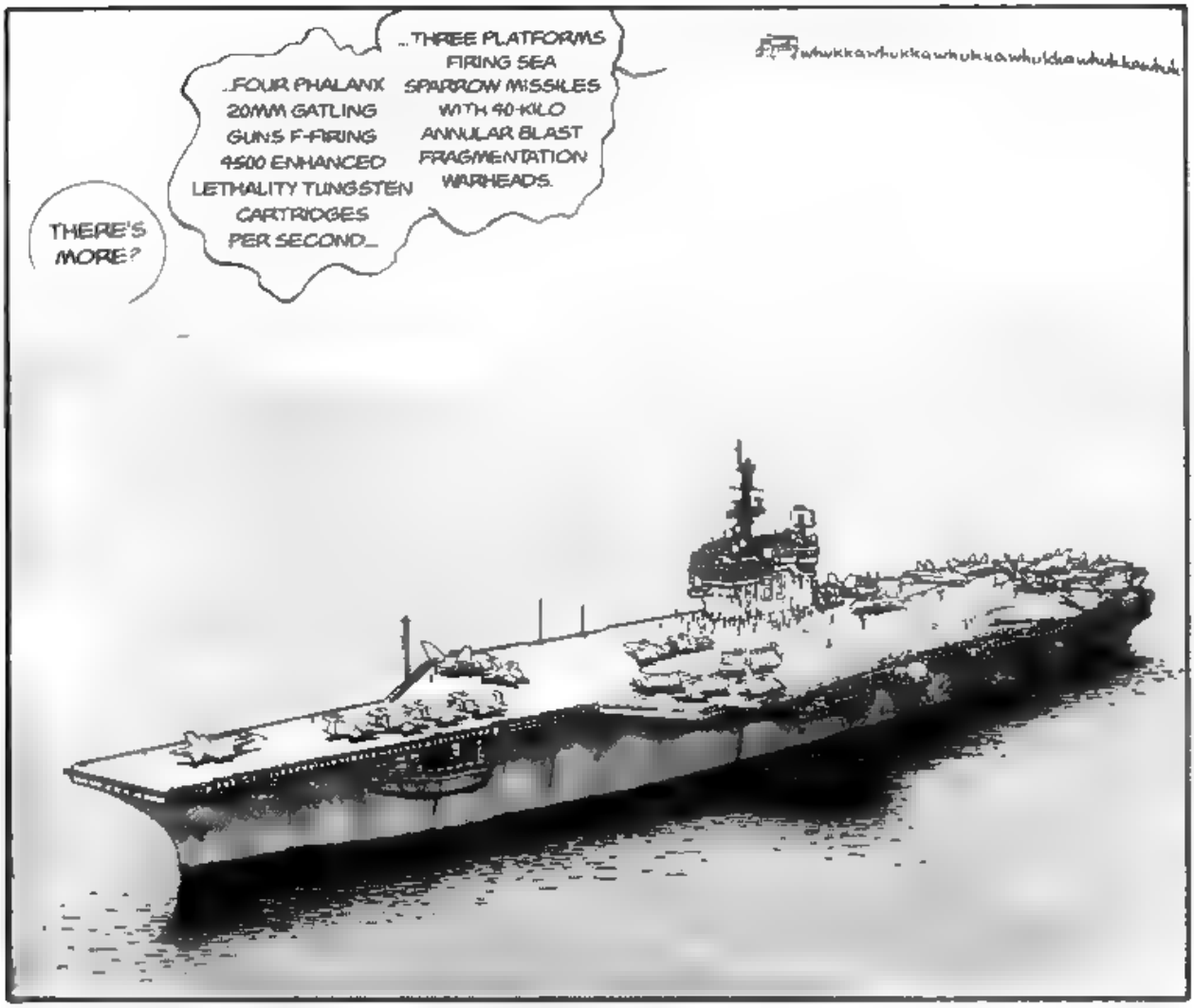

TH-THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY WOULDN'T LAST A WEEK AFTER THAT... NO MORE AMERICAN MILITARY TO OPPOSE YOU...
AND BECAUSE THEY WERE SO CLUMSY... NO MORE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO OPPOSE ME EITHER! TRÈS ÉLÉGANT, NON? ♡
WOOSH WOOSH
WOOSH WOOSH


WHUKKAWHUKKAWHUKKAWHUKKA
The Pacific Ocean
somewhere over Japanese Territorial Waters


MISTRESS W WE WILL SOON BE OVER THE CARRIER.
LET'S AVE A BUTCHERS' AT IT, THEN.
DROP BELOW CLOUD LEVEL.
WHAT!? TH- THAT MIGHT NOT BE SUCH A GOOD IDEA.

THEY ALREADY HAVE US ON THEIR RADAR. SWEEP SWEEP. PURIMA.
NO MOST LIKELY
THEN WHAT'S WRONG WITH A LITTLE EYE CONTACT?
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG YET, HAVE WE?
RRRRRRRMMMMM
N-NO...
...N-NOT YET.

WHUKKAWHUKKA
TH TH THE USS KITTY HAWK THE ONLY PERMANENTLY FORWARD-DEPLOYED U.S. CARRIER BASED OUT OF ATSUGI NAF
WHUKKAWHUKKA
WOW COOL!
..H-HOME OF CARRIER AIR WING FIVE... IT HAS A CREW OF OVER 5,500
YES... THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO START A WAR.
...AH... 323 METERS LONG..
IT HAS 80 FIGHTER JETS INCLUDING THE F-14 TOMCAT AND F/A 18 HORNET... AND

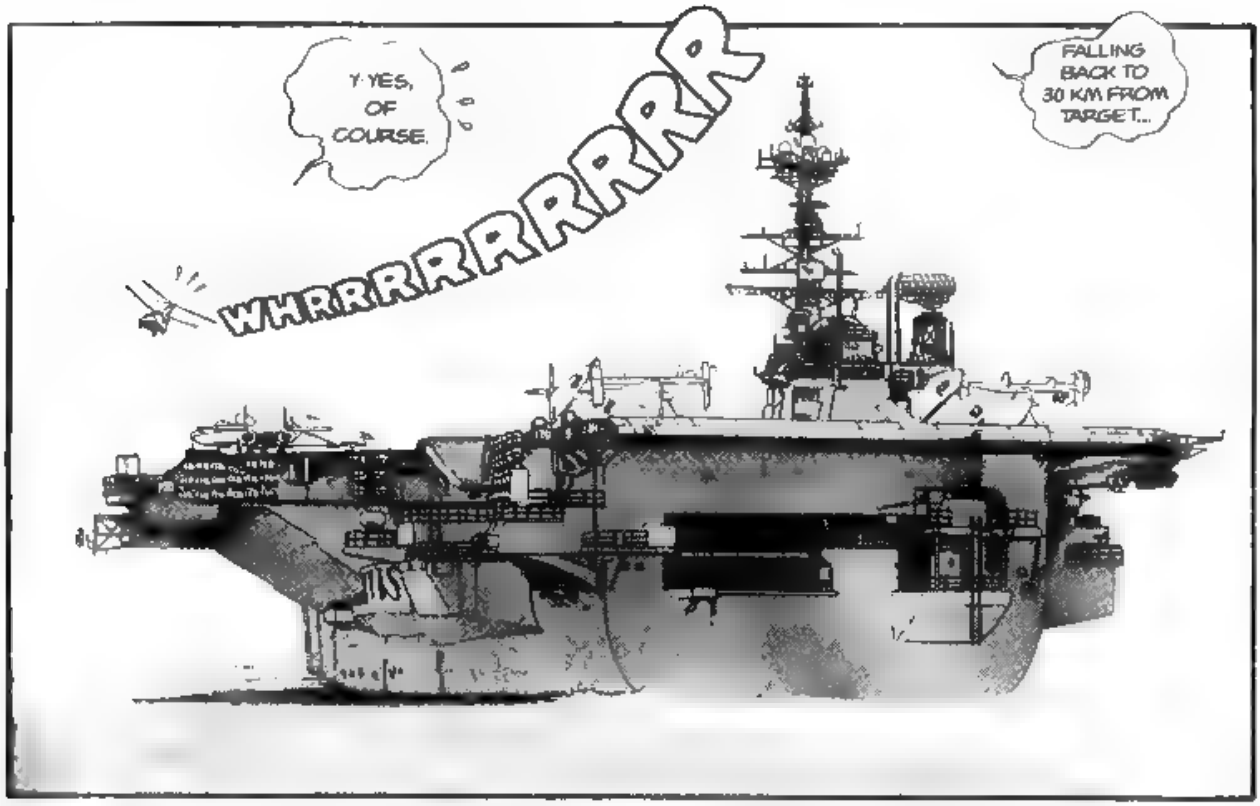

THERE'S MORE?
..FOUR PHALANX 20MM GATLING GUNS F-FIRING 4500 ENHANCED LETHALITY TUNGSTEN CARTRIDGES PER SECOND..
..THREE PLATFORMS FIRING SEA SPARROW MISSILES WITH 40-KILO ANNULAR BLAST FRAGMENTATION WARHEADS.
whukkawhukkawhukkawhukkawhukkawhukkawhukkawhukk

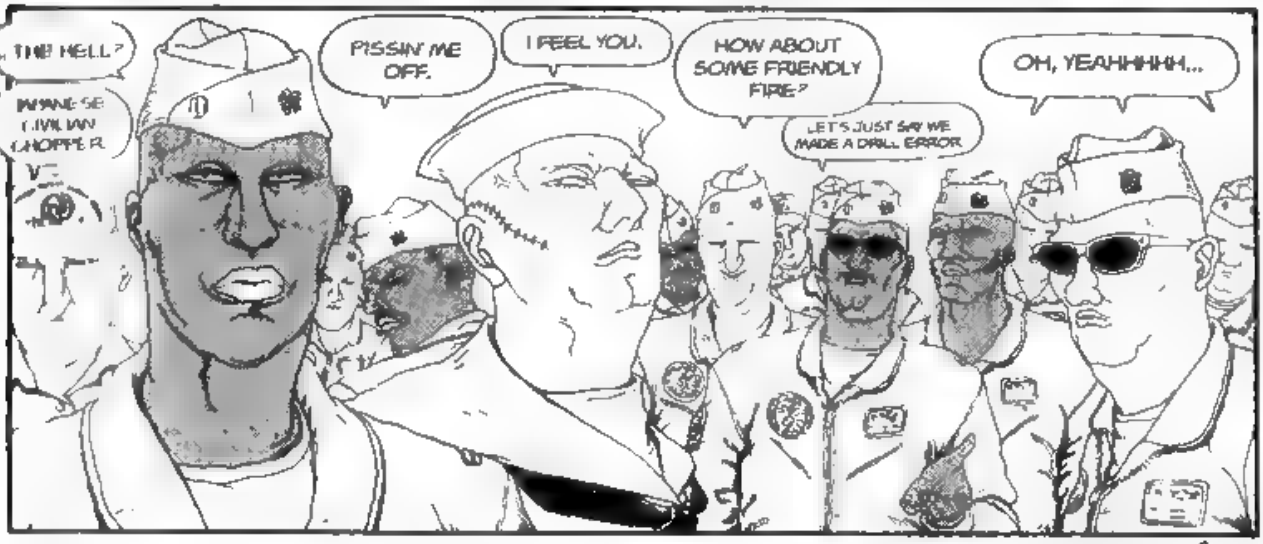
IN ALL
..OVER 2,000 TONS OF CONVENTIONAL ORDNANCE ALONE.. MORE THAN MANY NATIONAL ARSENALS.
CONVENTIONAL? WHAT ABOUT THE BIG ONES?

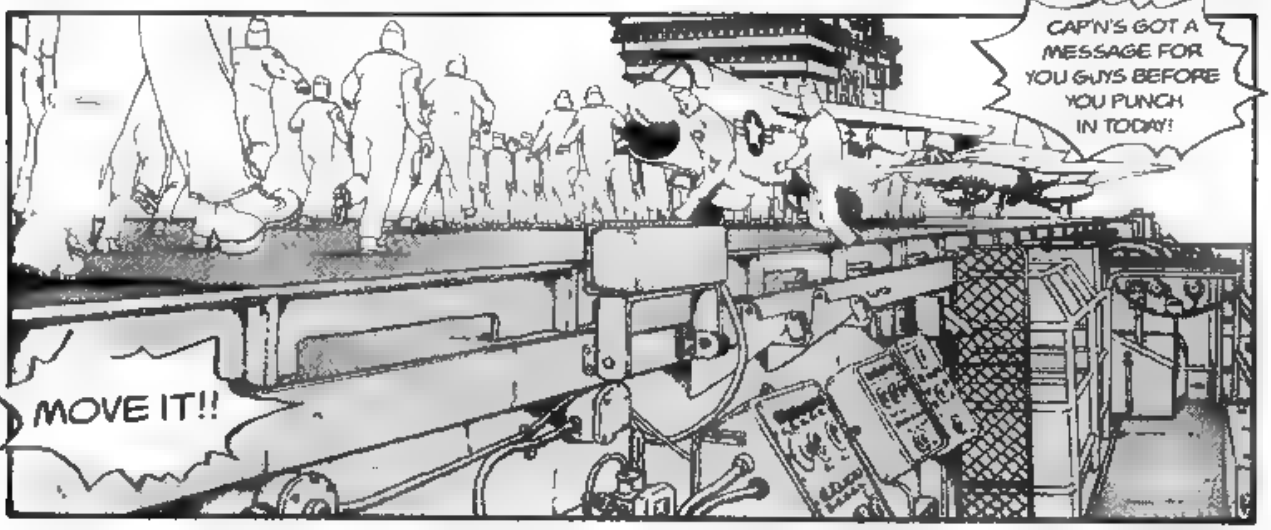
THE BOMB, PURIMA. THE HYDROGEN BOMB.
TH-THEY NE-THER CONFIRM NOR DENY

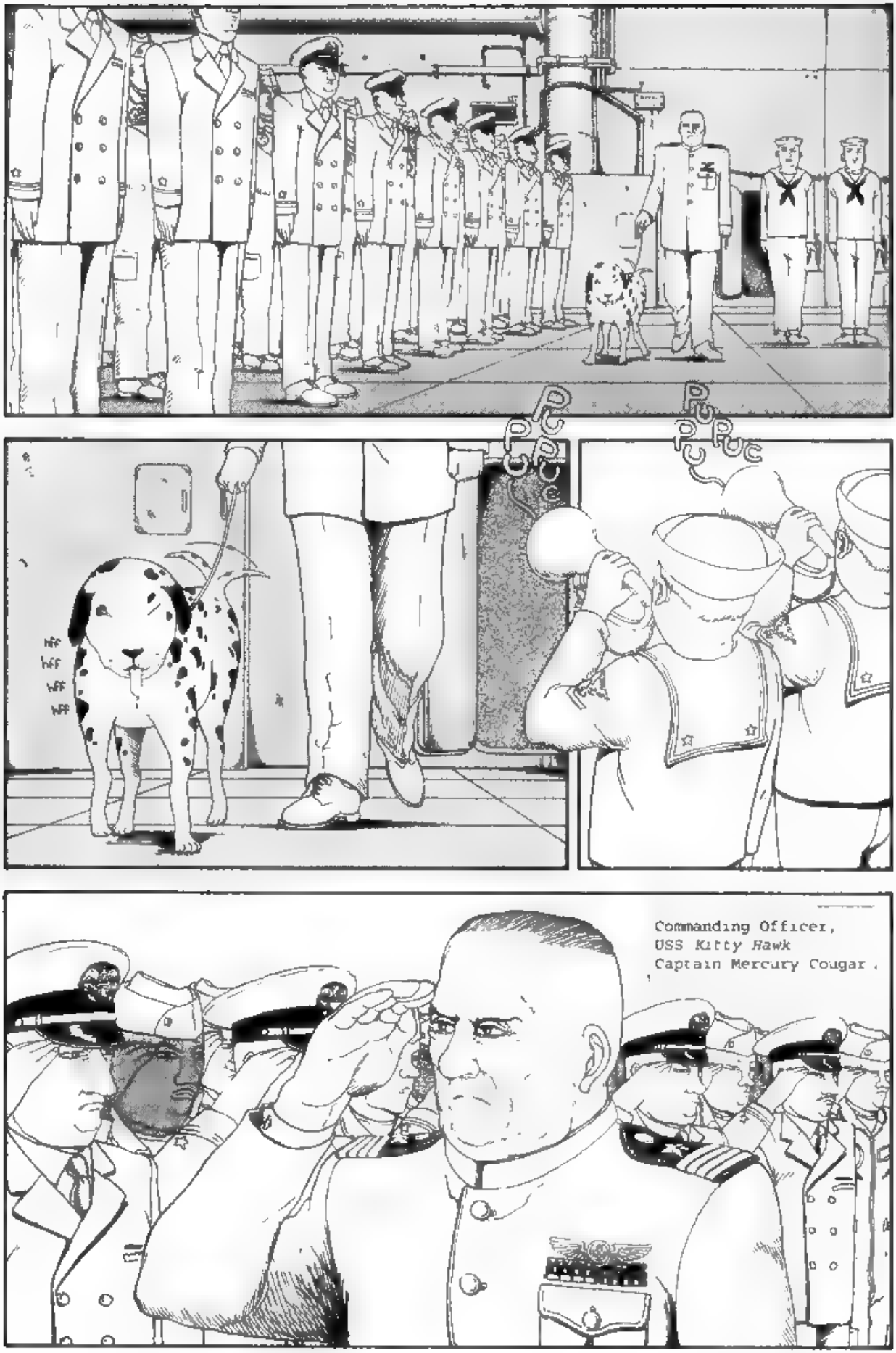
KNOWING THEM, I'M SURE THEY GOT SOME NUKES. ♡

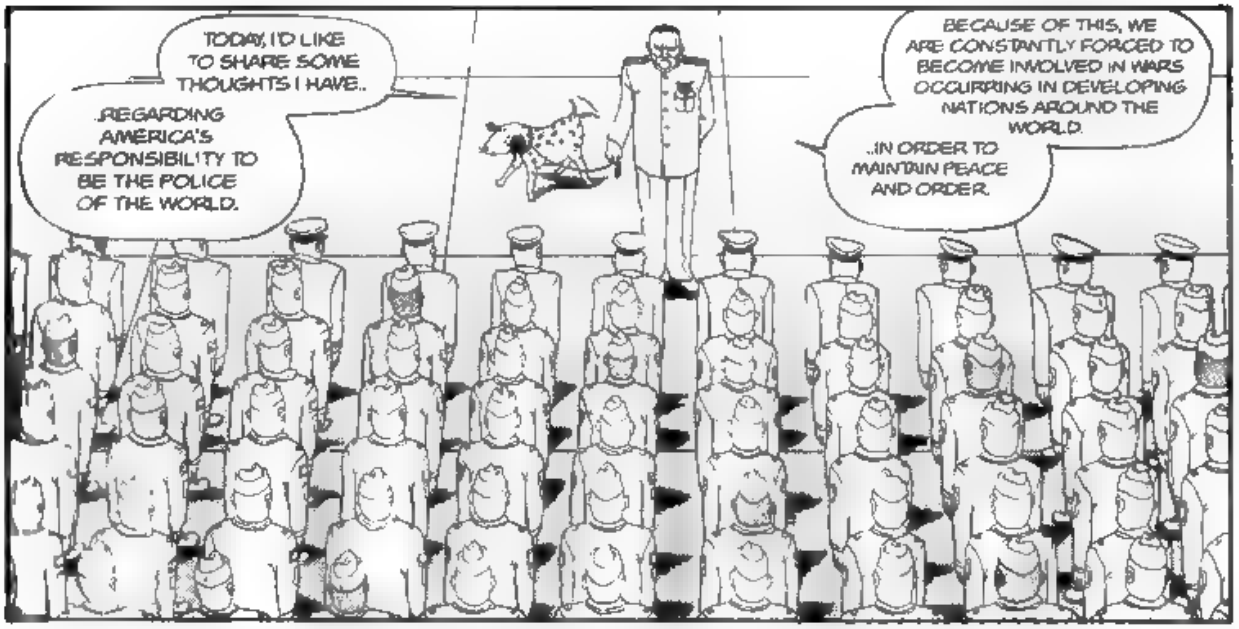
UMM.. MISTRESS RENGE.. I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING OUT ON DECK.
ARE YOU SURE W WE SHOULD BE HERE?
LOOK, THEY'RE ALL STARING AT US.
HUH?
WHO CARES!? WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!?
KRAK
THIS IS JAPANESE TERRITORY!!
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED . WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY DOING HERE!? RIGHT!?
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEIR ATTITUDE ADJUSTS!
"WON'T BE LONG..?"
NOW THEN, LET'S GO, PURIMA!!

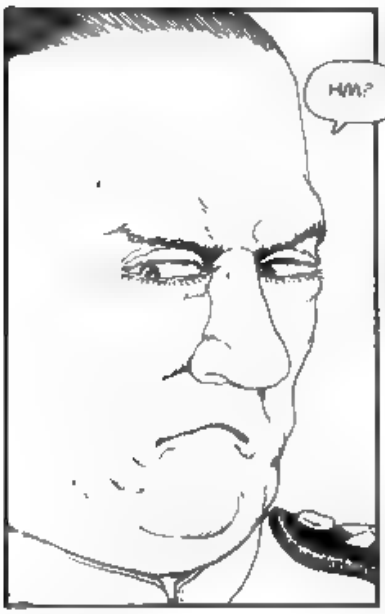

Y-YES, OF COURSE.
WHRRRRRRRRRR
FALLING BACK TO 30 KM FROM TARGET...


THE HELL?
JAPANESE CIVILIAN CHOPPER
PISSIN' ME OFF.
I FEEL YOU.
HOW ABOUT SOME FRIENDLY FIRE?
LET'S JUST SAY WE MADE A DRILL ERROR.
OH, YEAHHHHH...


CAP'N'S GOT A MESSAGE FOR YOU GUYS BEFORE YOU PUNCH IN TODAY!
MOVE IT!!


Commanding Officer,
USS Kitty Hawk
Captain Mercury Cougar


TODAY, I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME THOUGHTS I HAVE..
..REGARDING AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE THE POLICE OF THE WORLD.
BECAUSE OF THIS, WE ARE CONSTANTLY FORCED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN WARS OCCURRING IN DEVELOPING NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.
..IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER.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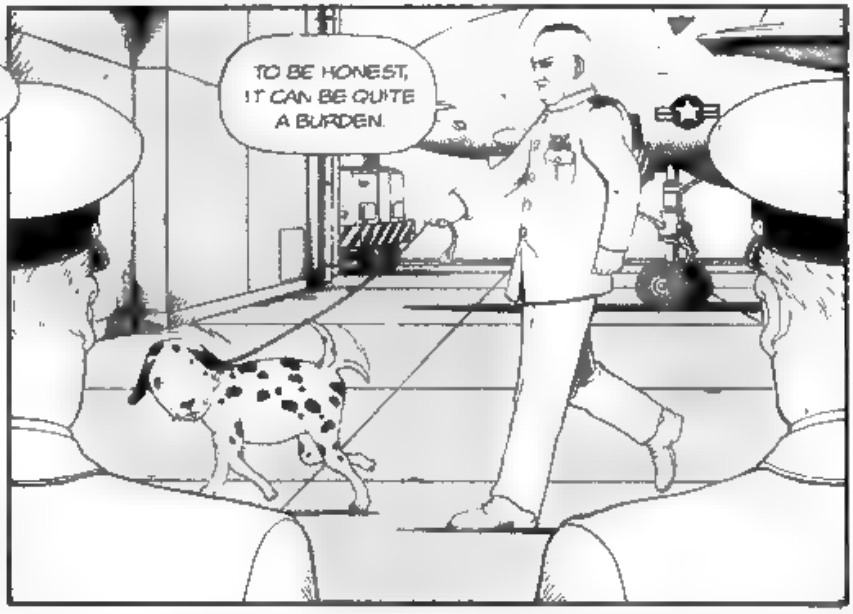
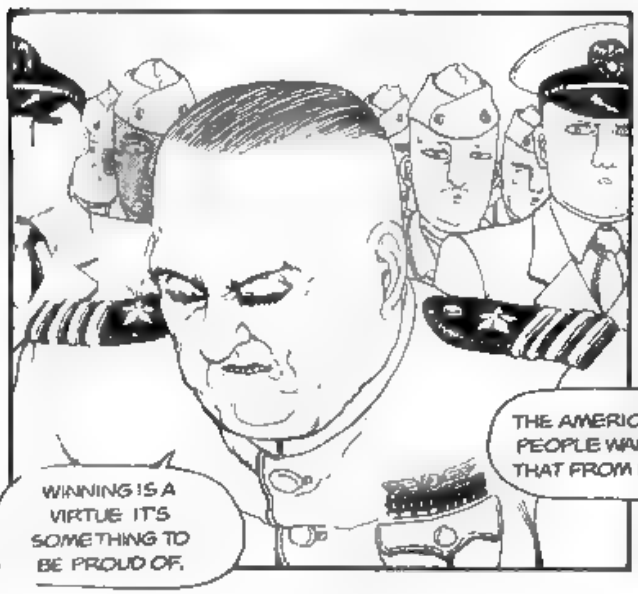
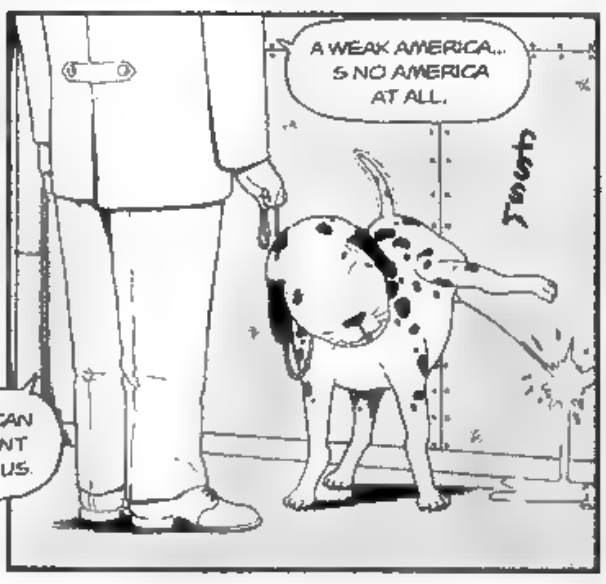

TO BE HONEST, IT CAN BE QUITE A BURDEN.


WINNING IS A VIRTUE. IT'S SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THAT FROM US.

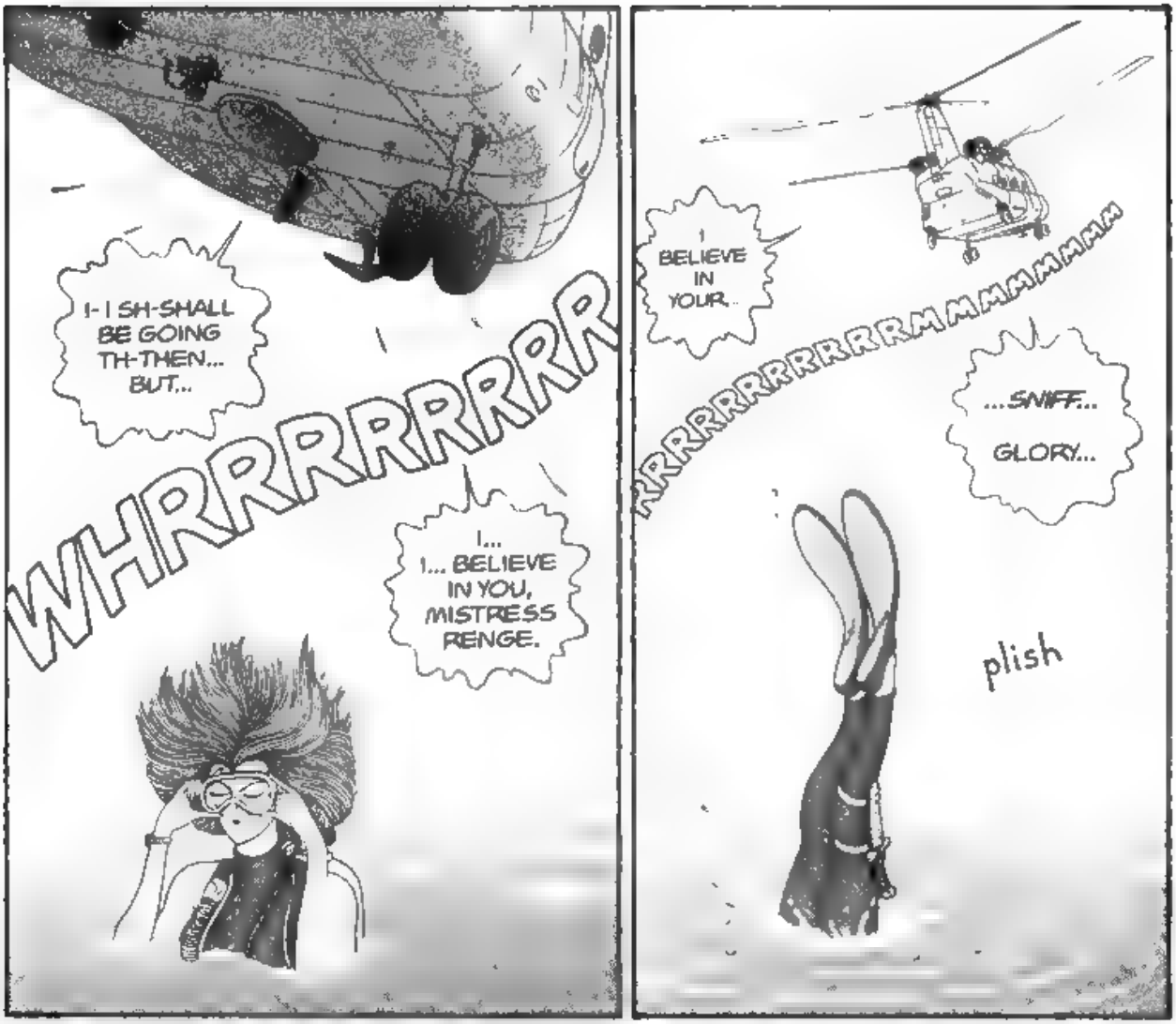

A WEAK AMERICA... S NO AMERICA AT ALL.
Tough

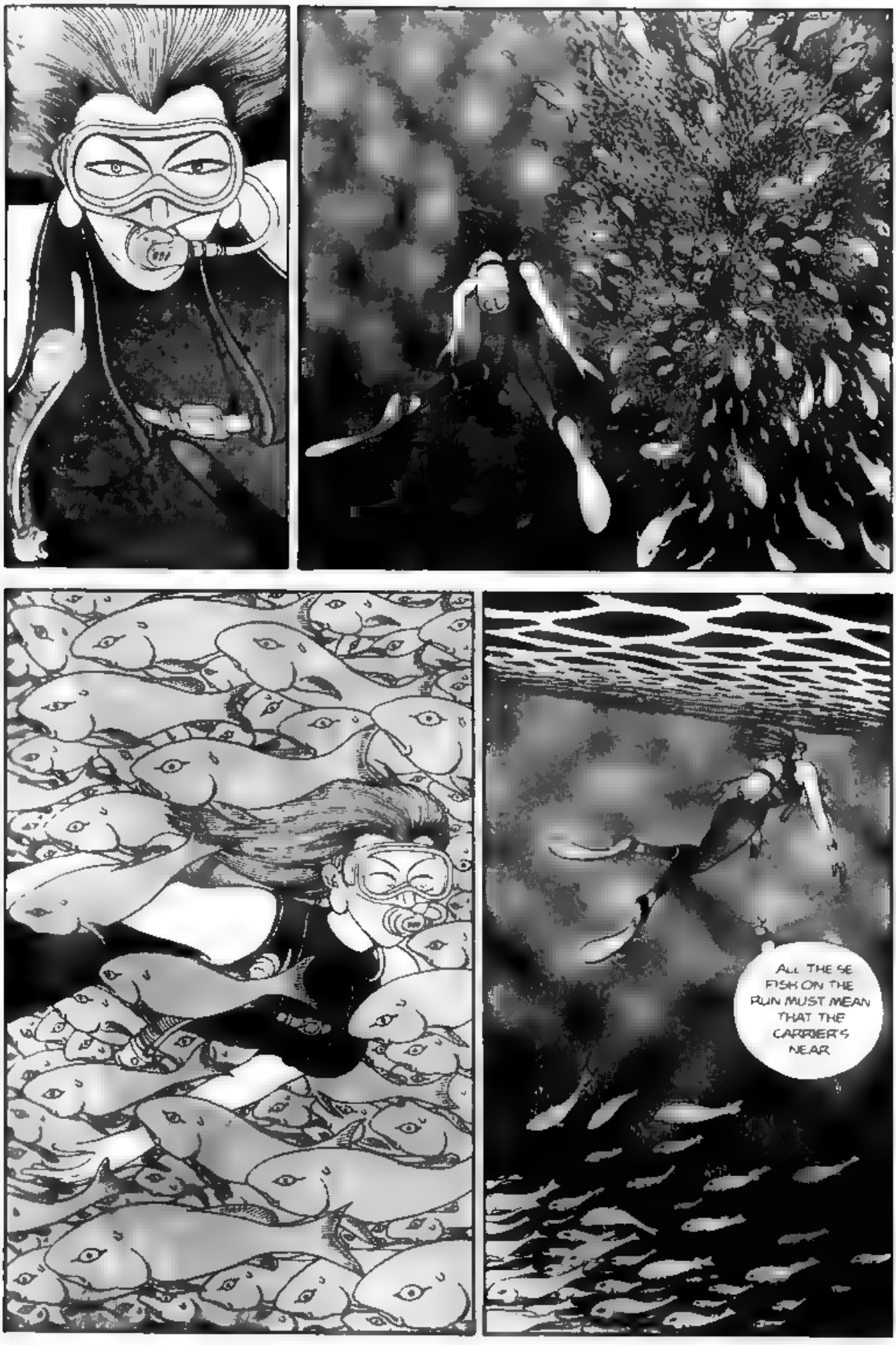
BUT GETTING INVOLVED IN ALL THESE TRIFLING AFFAIRS CAN MAKE YOU DOG-TIRED.. HUH, PAUL?
IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE HAD TRUE PEACE, THE WHOLE WORLD OVER.
BUT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TIME WHEN WAR HAS NOT PLAGUED MANKIND.
WHAT CAUSES WAR, THEN...?
ANYONE CARE TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION?
rhubarb
rhubarb
rhubarb
rhubarb

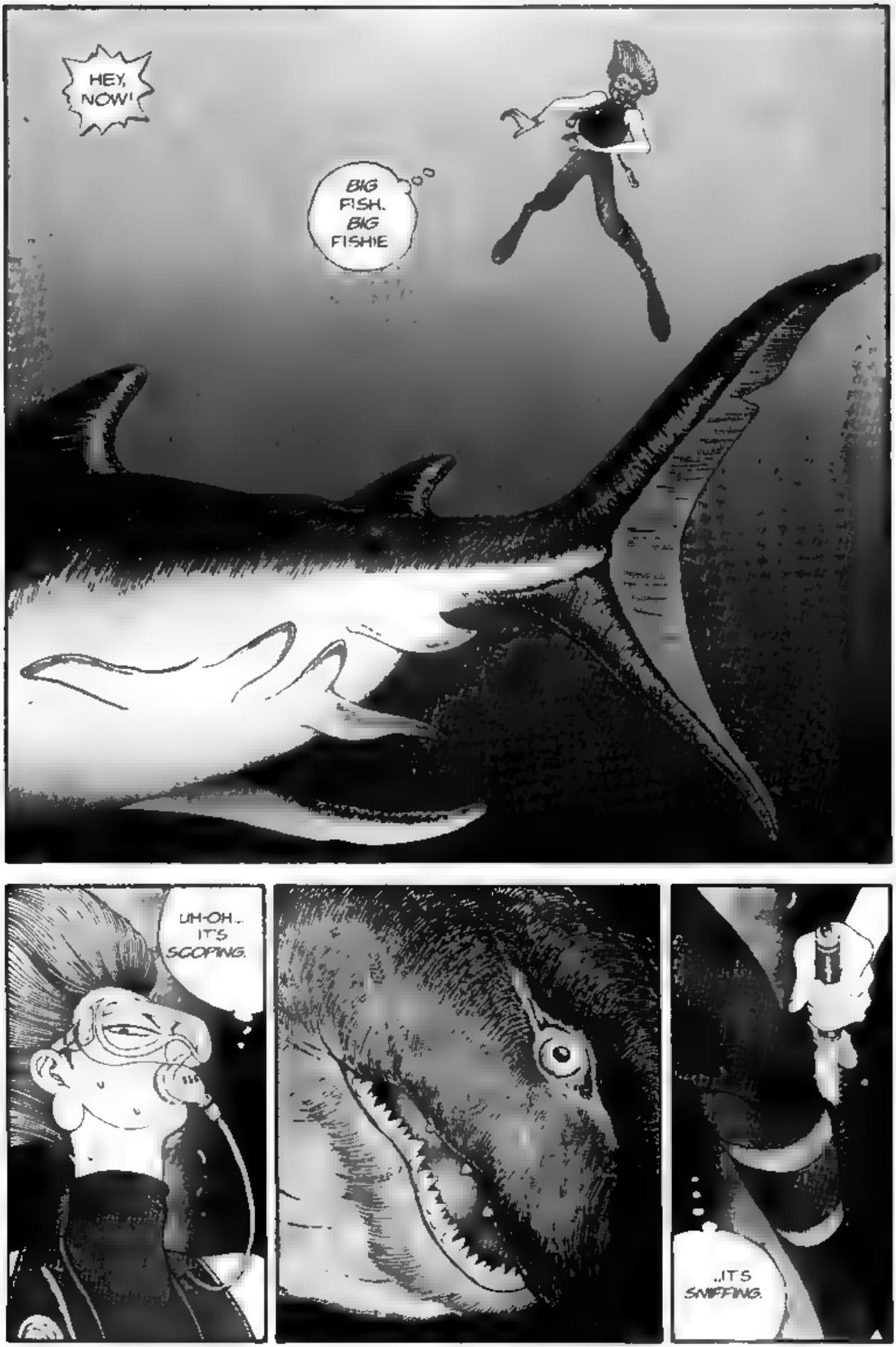
ARF! ARF!
shaking shaking
PAUL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER.
OF COURSE..
..BECAUSE WE ARE "ABSOLUTE" WE HAVE NO NEED FOR JUSTICE.
TO BE ABSOLUTE IS TO BE RIGHT..
klinch
WE'RE LIKE HIM.
ANIMALS. AND LIKE ALL ANIMALS, WE FIGHT.
WHAT IS WAR?
WAR IS THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE.
..THAT'S WHY WE ARE THE POLICE
BUT BEING ABSOLUTE IS NOT AN ETERNAL CONDITION. IT'S A QUESTION OF BALANCE.
YES.. ONE LITTLE TRIGGER COULD SPARK OFF THE NEXT WORLD WAR.
GOT THAT!? OK!?
AYE-AYE, SIR!!

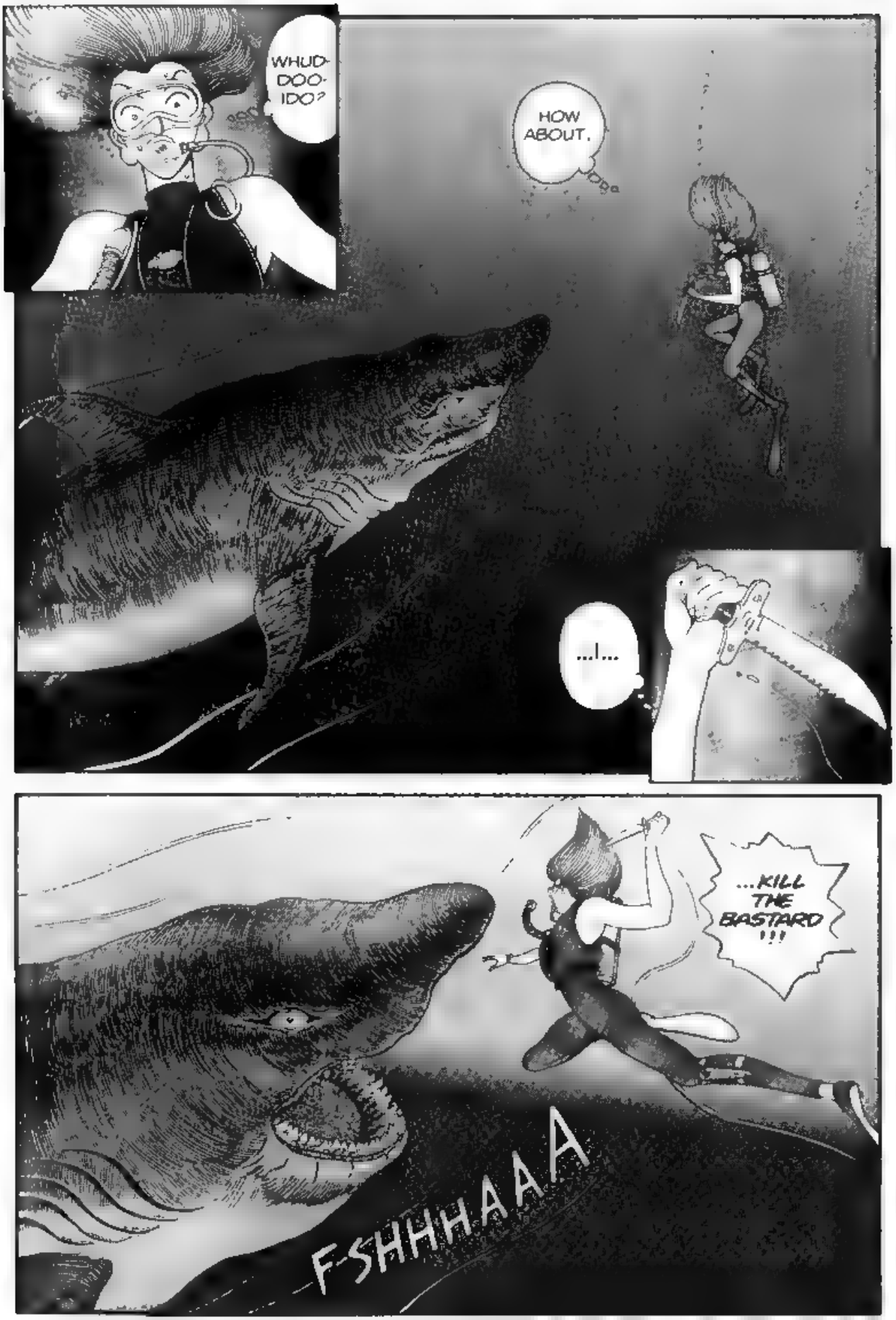
M-MISTRESS R-RENGE
..ARE YOU REALLY EXPECTING THE KITTY HAWK TO C-COME FOR YOU. HERE?'
W WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?
WUKKAWUKKA
...
IF THE CARRIER FOLLOWS ITS TRAINING SCHEDULE... IT'LL PASS BY IN UNDER AN HOUR.
WUKKA

B-BUT WHAT IF A SHARK OR A D-DOLPHIN ATTACKS YOU IN THE MEANTIME?
DID I EVER MENTION I WAS AFRAID OF TUNA?
ARE YOU SAYING I CAN'T TAKE THEM ON?
WHAT!?
A-ARE YOU GOING TO EAT THEM FIRST?
YEAH, PURIMA... I'M GOING TO EAT THEM.
NOW YOU JUST RUN ALONG NOW, BACK TO OSAKA!!
au revoir!
B-BUT..
...I'M TOO WORRIED TO L-LEAVE YOU ALL ALONE
AMSCRAY!!
GO ON, BEFORE THEY PICK YOU UP ON RADAR!!!
V VERY WELL, MISTRESS! I WISH Y-YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR MISSION!!

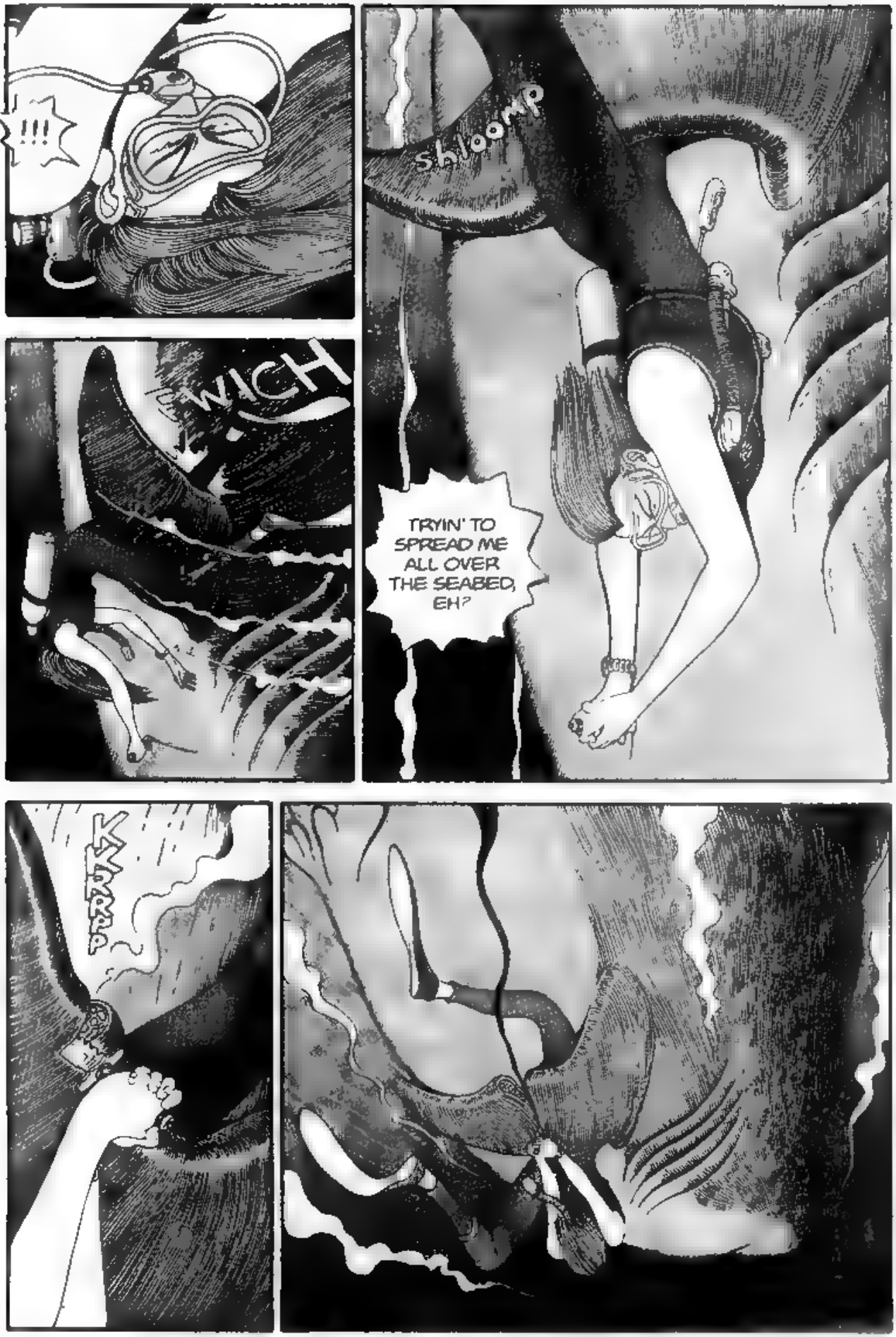

I-I SH-SHALL BE GOING TH-THEN... BUT...
WHRRRRRRRRRR
I... I... BELIEVE IN YOU, MISTRESS RENGE.
I BELIEVE IN YOUR...
RRRRRRRRRRRRRMMMMMMMM
...SNIFF... GLORY...
plish


ALL THESE FISH ON THE RUN MUST MEAN THAT THE CARRIER'S NEAR


HEY, NOW!
BIG FISH. BIG FISHIE
UH-OH.. IT'S SCOPING.
..IT'S SNIFFING.


WHUD-DOO-IDO?
HOW ABOUT.
...I...
...KILL THE BASTARD !!!
F-SHHHAAA

UP THE NOSE!!!
SKLNK
HEH-HEH! HOW DO YOU LIKE IT NOW PUNK
YEAH! YEAH!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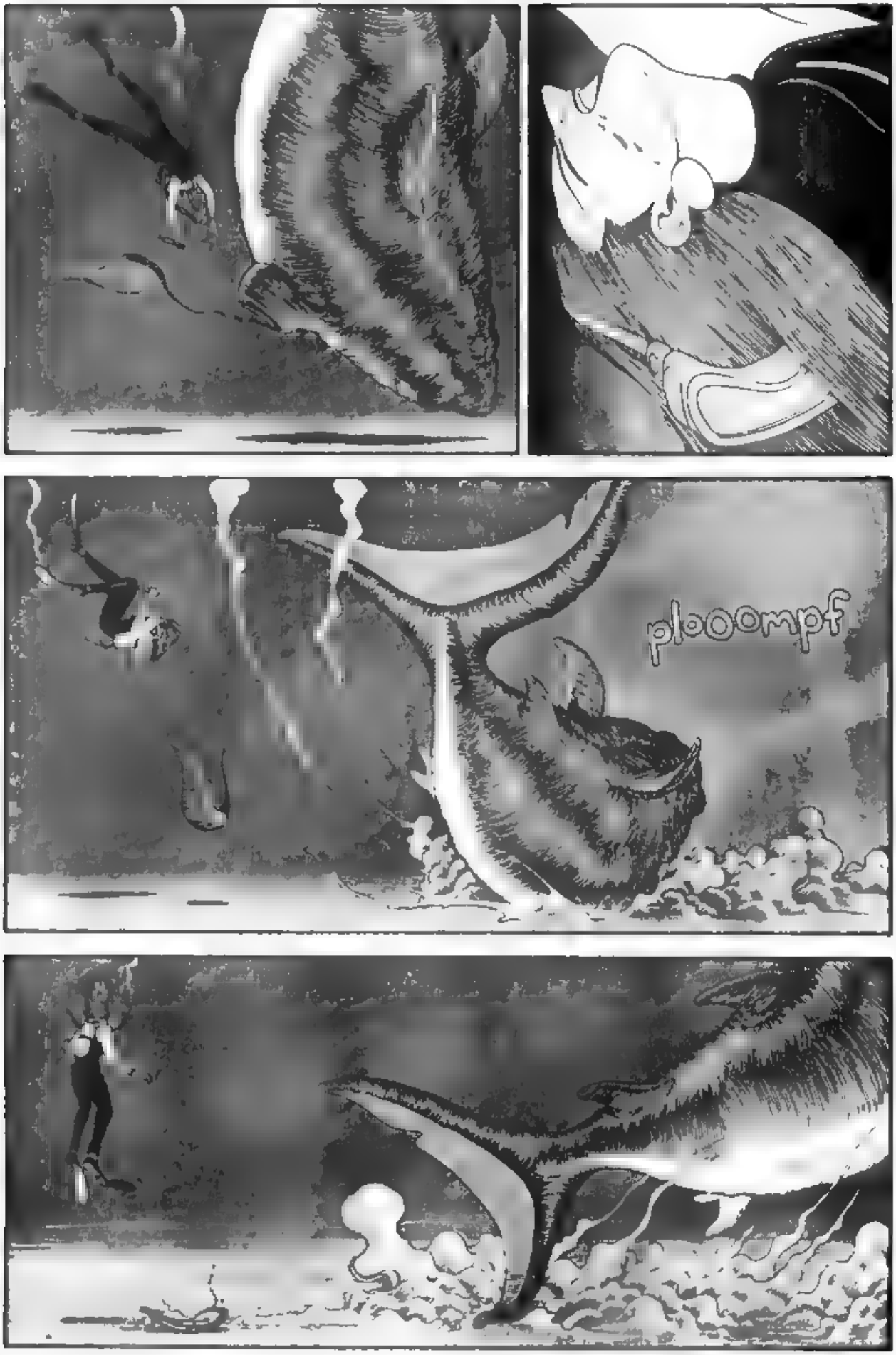
WICH
shloomp
TRYIN' TO SPREAD ME ALL OVER THE SEABED, EH?
KKKRRR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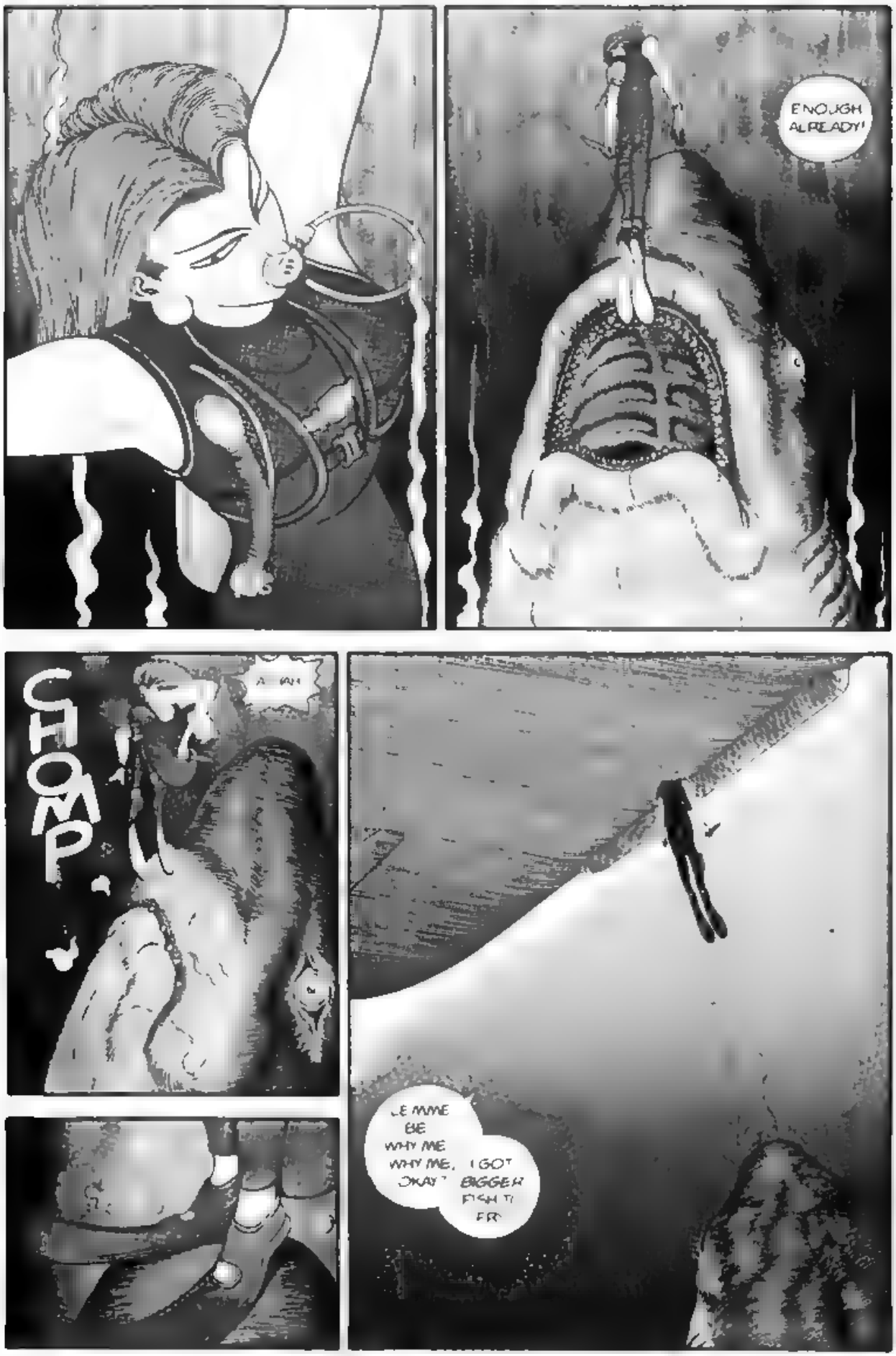
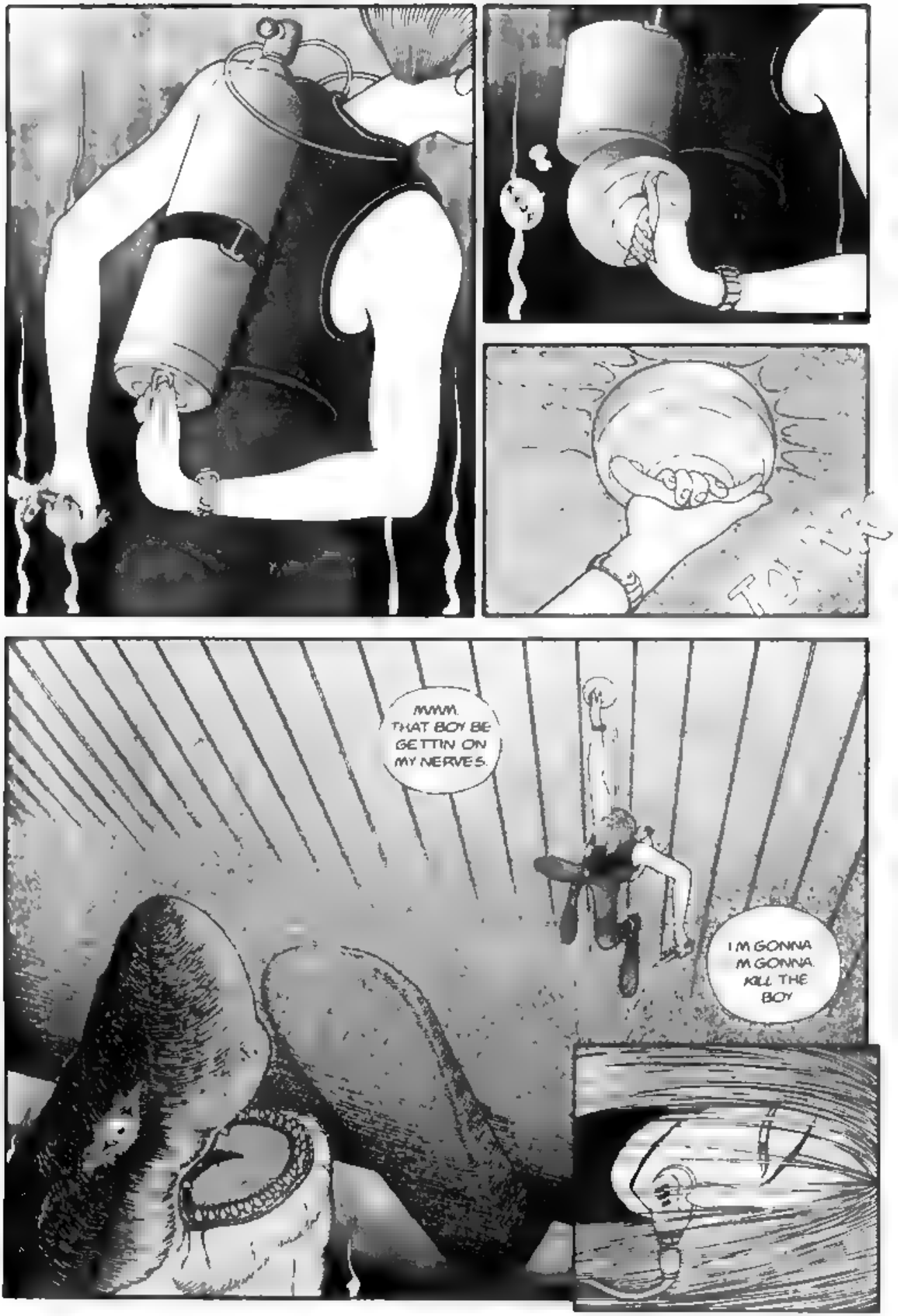
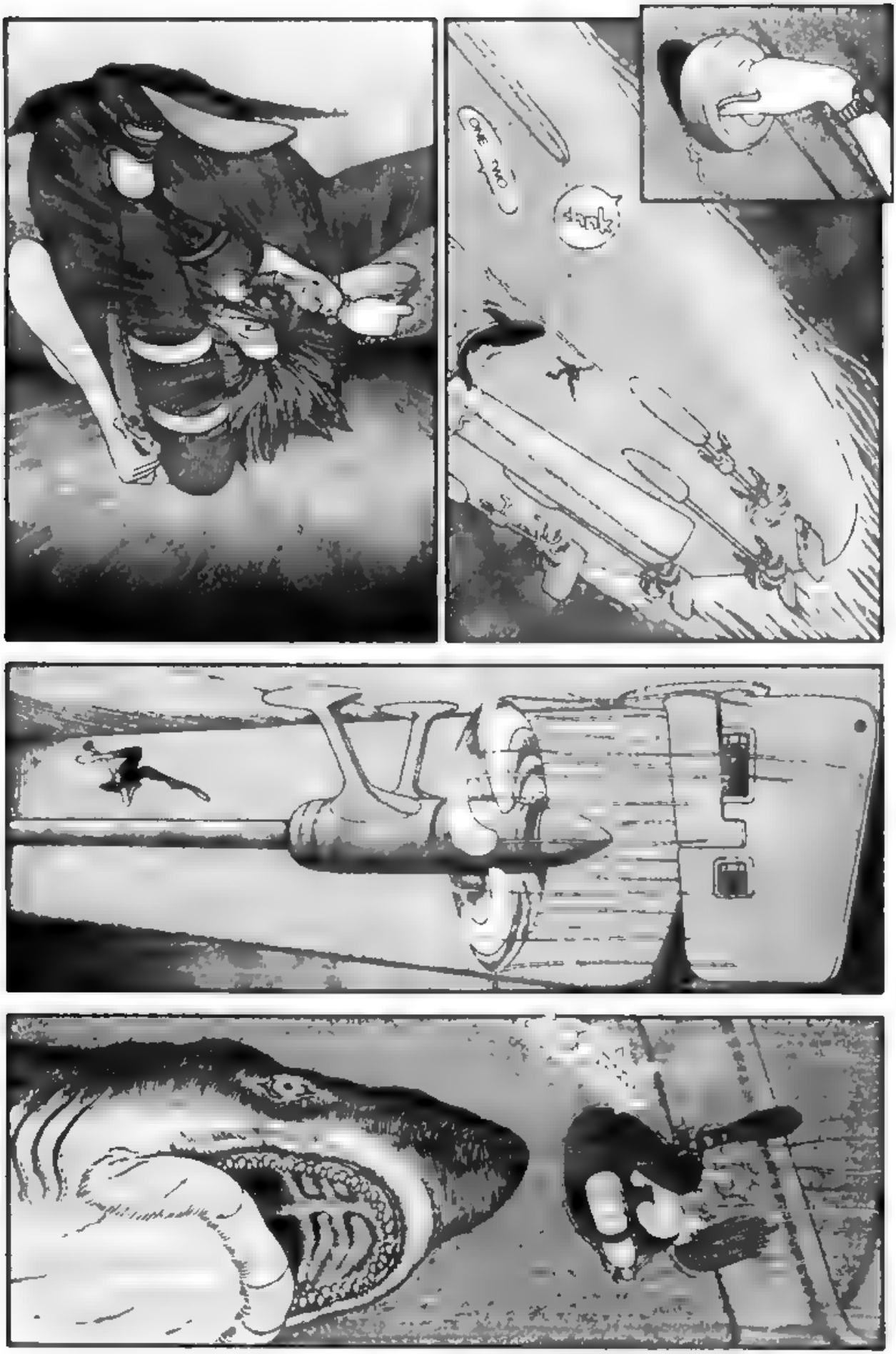
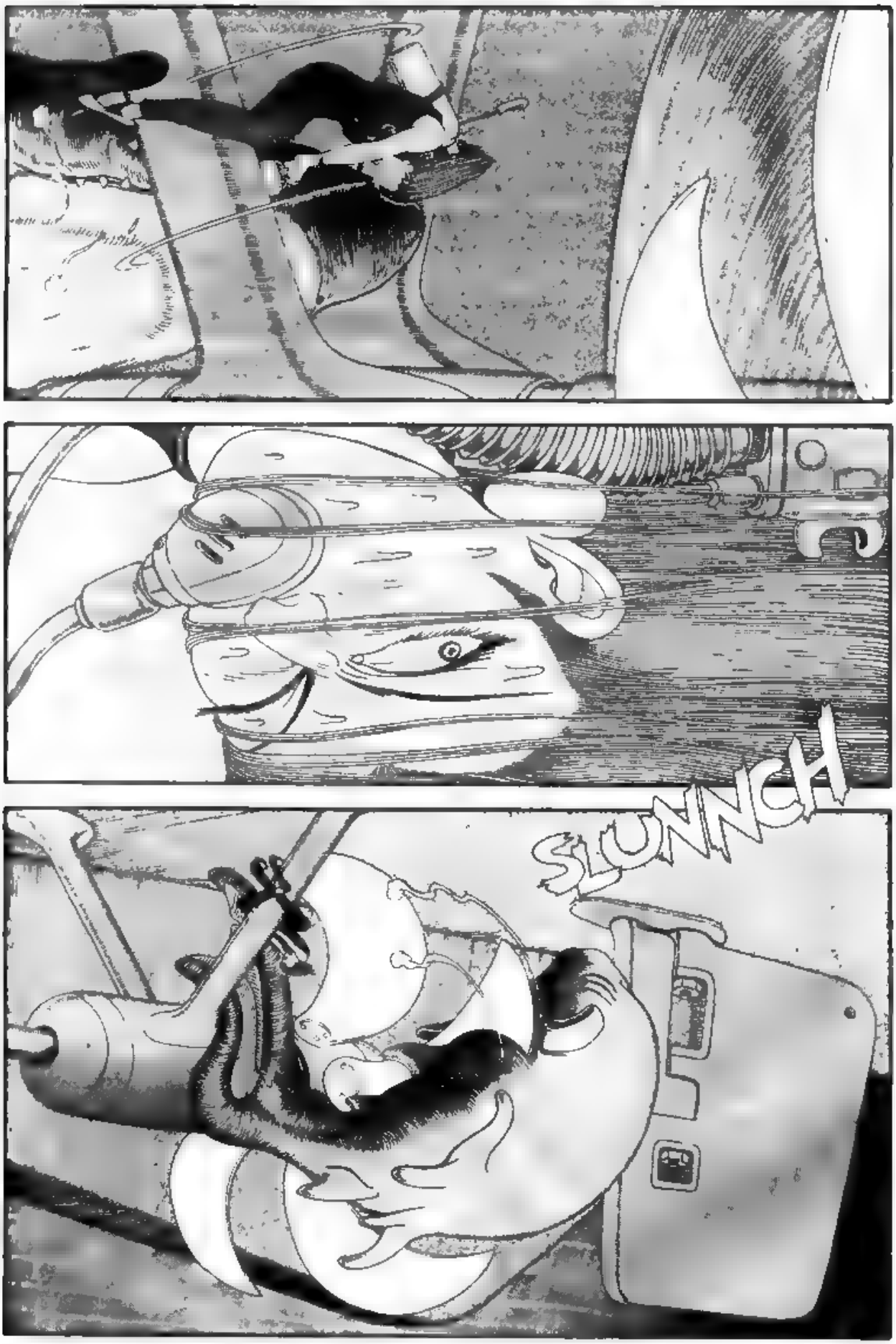
SHITSKI!


ENOUGH ALREADY!
CHOMP.
A-AH
LE MME BE WHY ME WHY ME, OKAY?
I GOT BIGGER FISH TI FR


MMM. THAT BOY BE GETTIN ON MY NERVES.
I'M GONNA M GONNA KILL THE BOY


ONE
TWO
SLASH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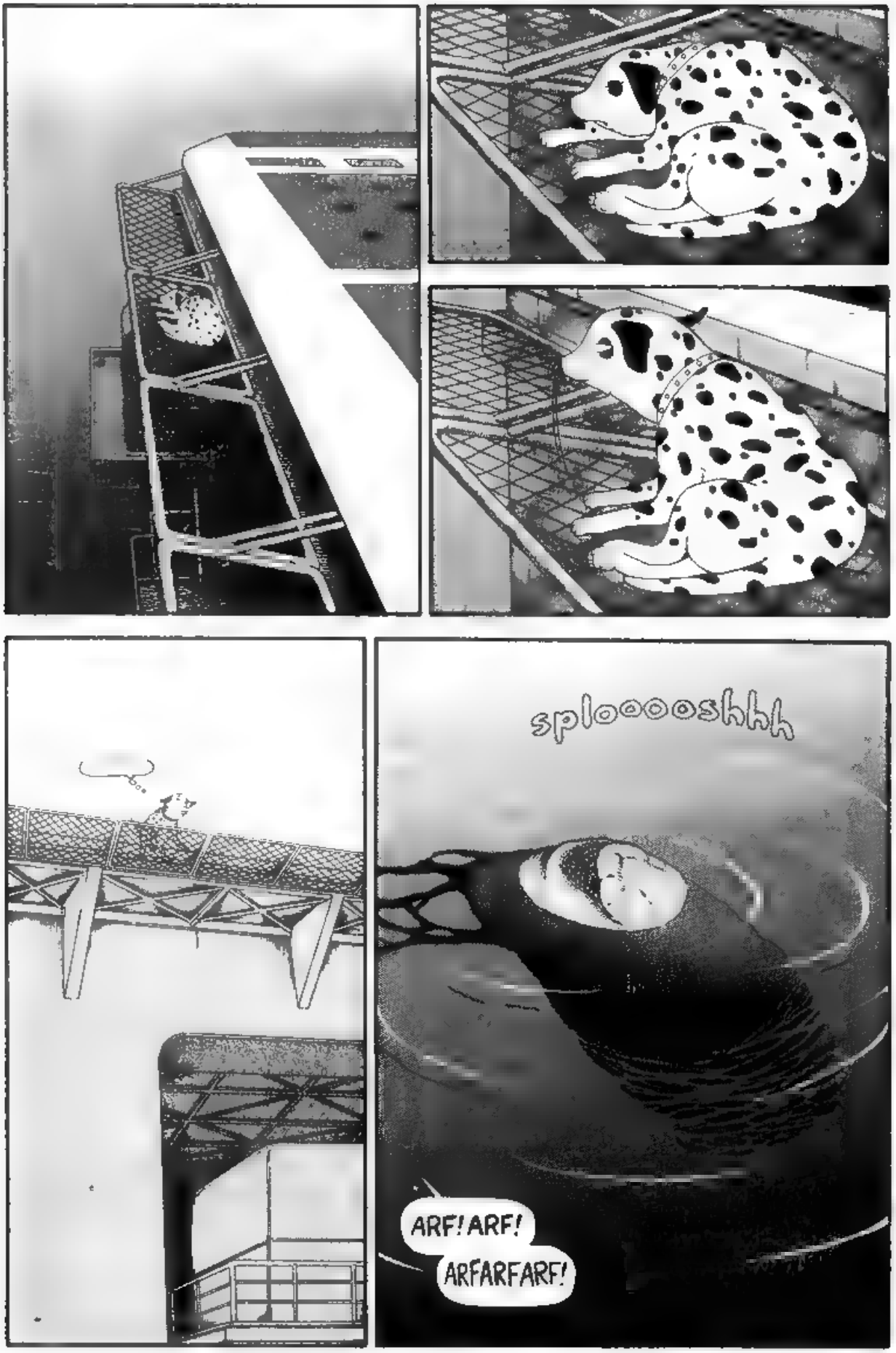
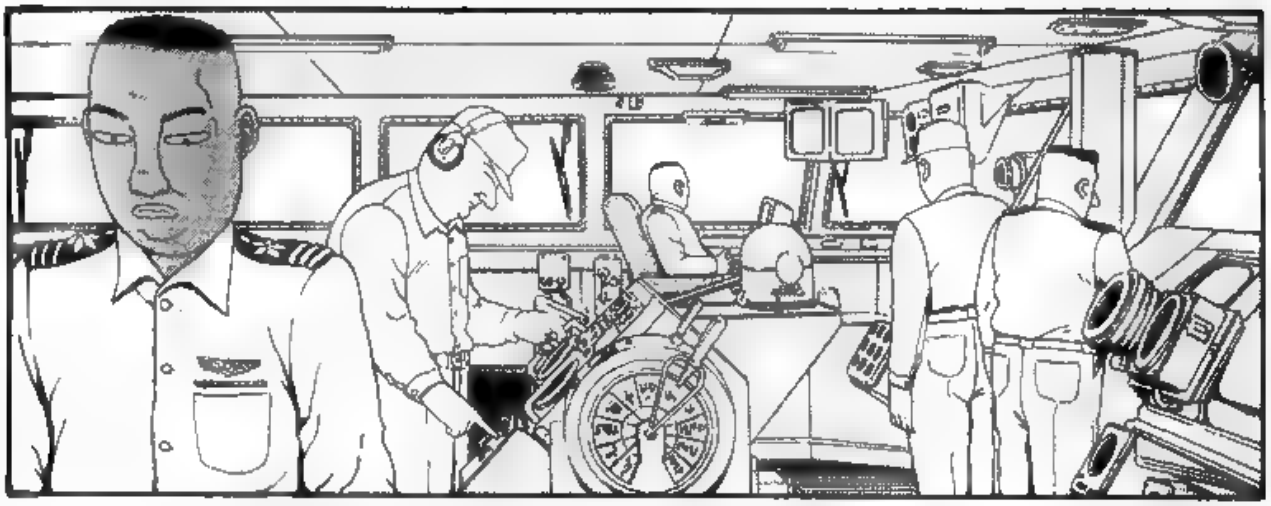
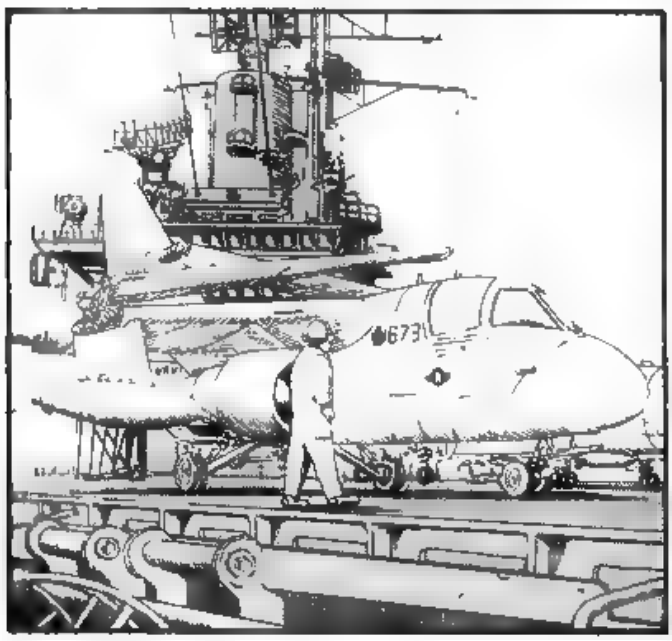

sploooooshhh
ARF! ARF!
ARFARFARF!

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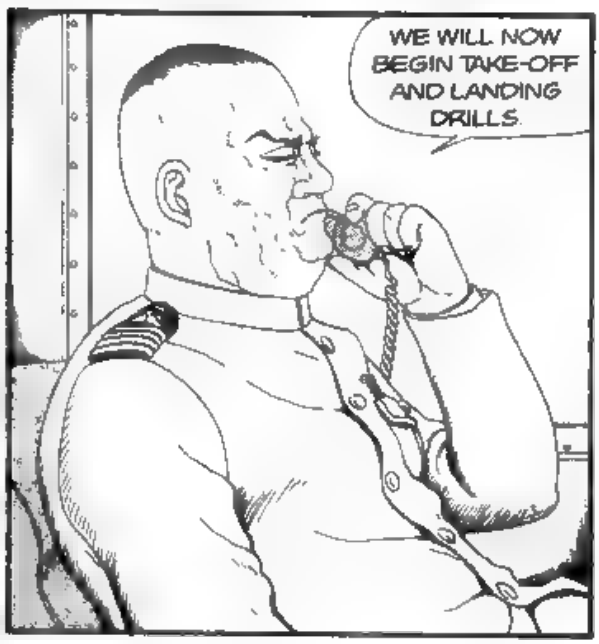
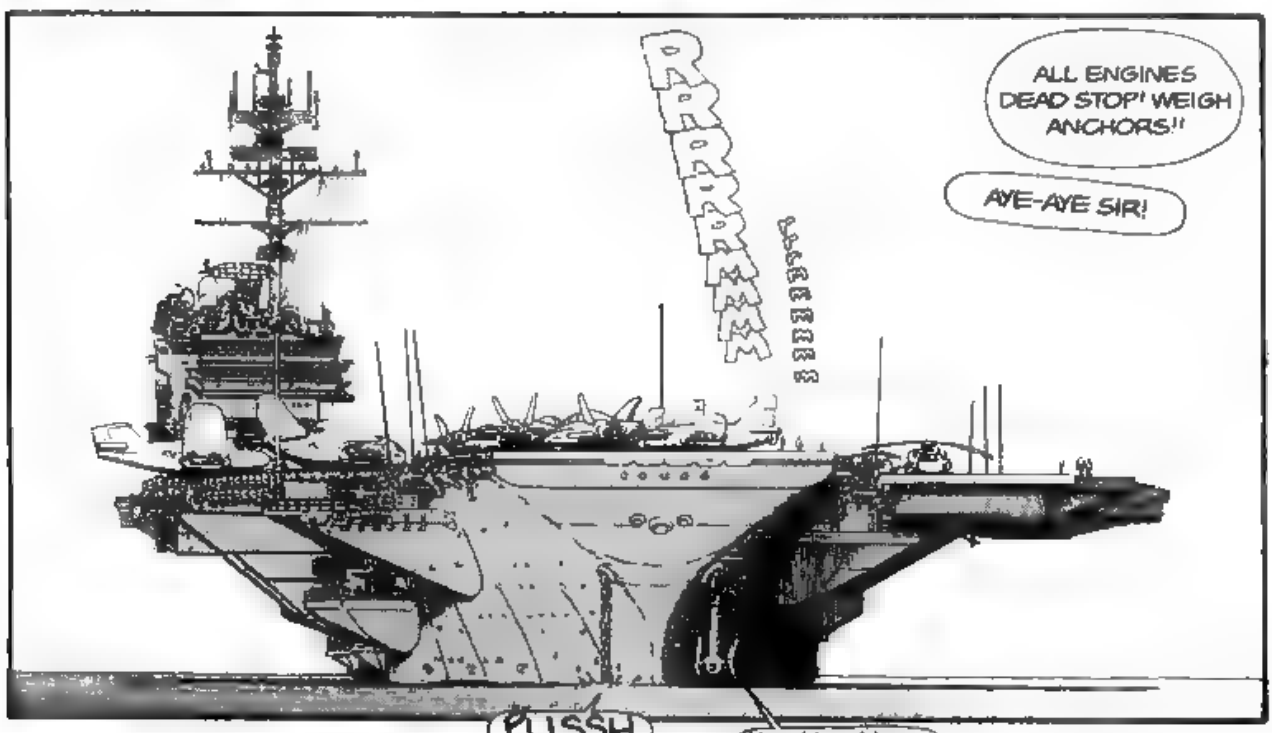
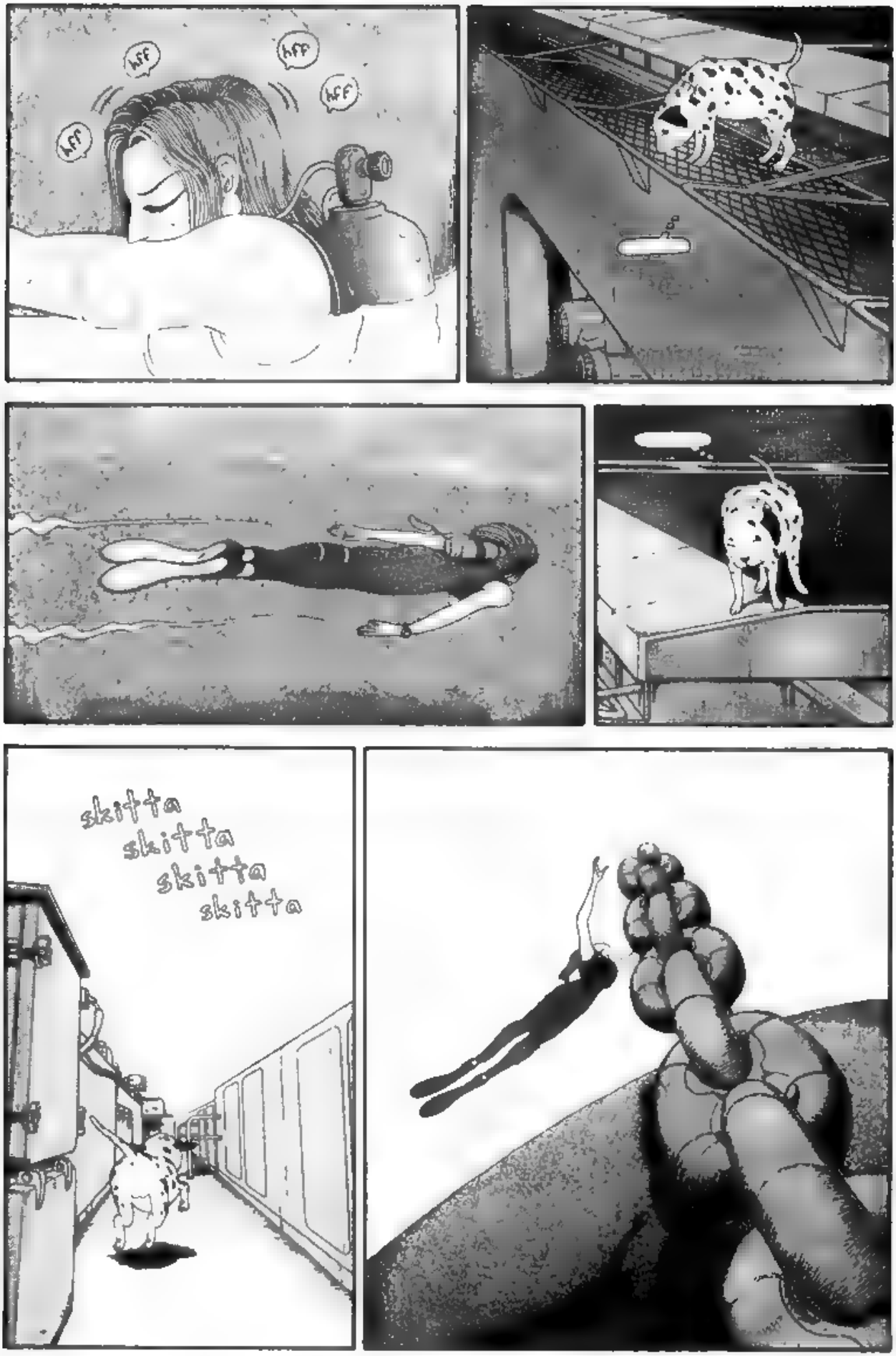

WE WILL NOW BEGIN TAKE-OFF AND LANDING DRILLS.


ALL ENGINES DEAD STOP! WEIGH ANCHORS!!
AYE-AYE SIR!
PLISSH
klangklangklang


hff
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skitta
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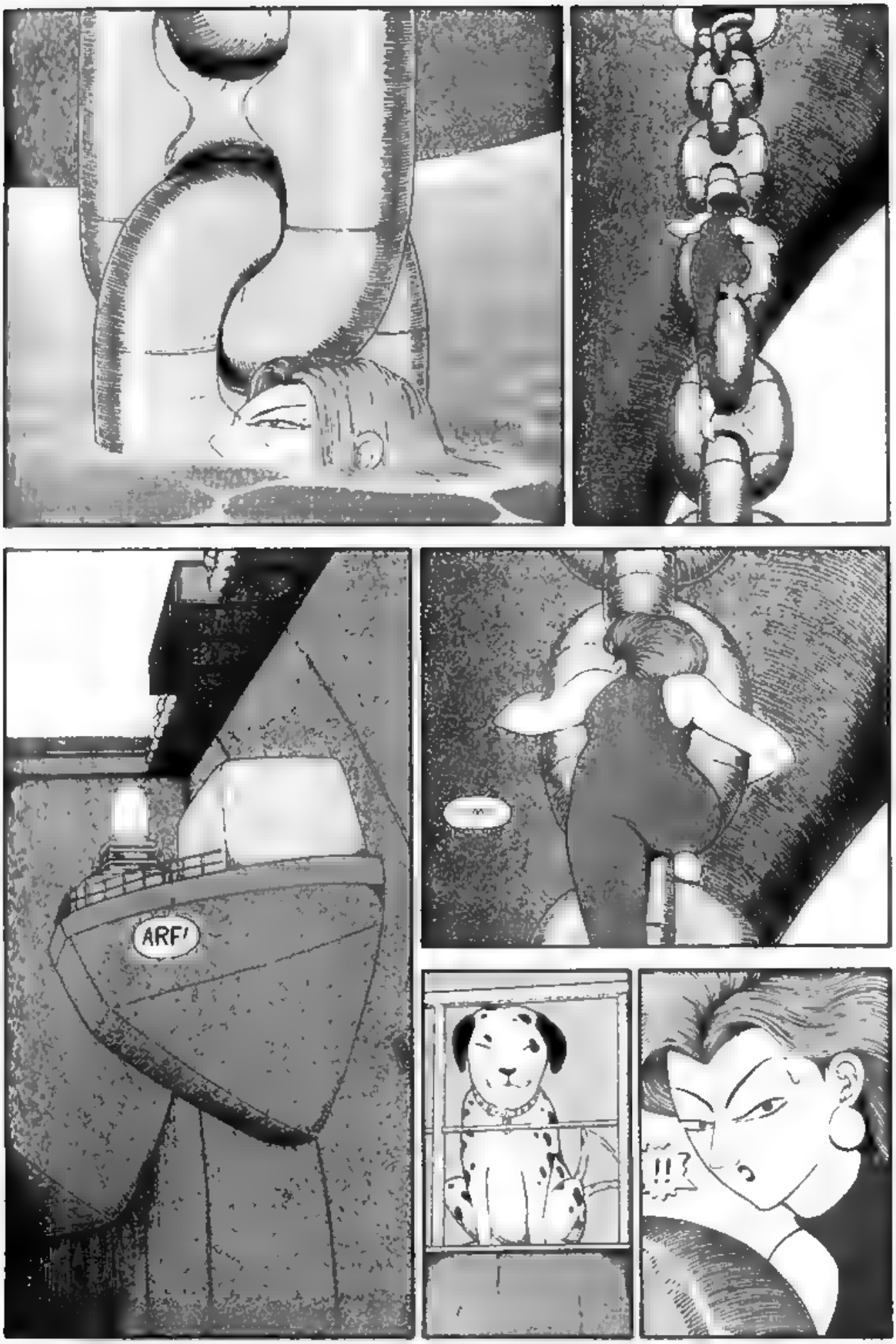
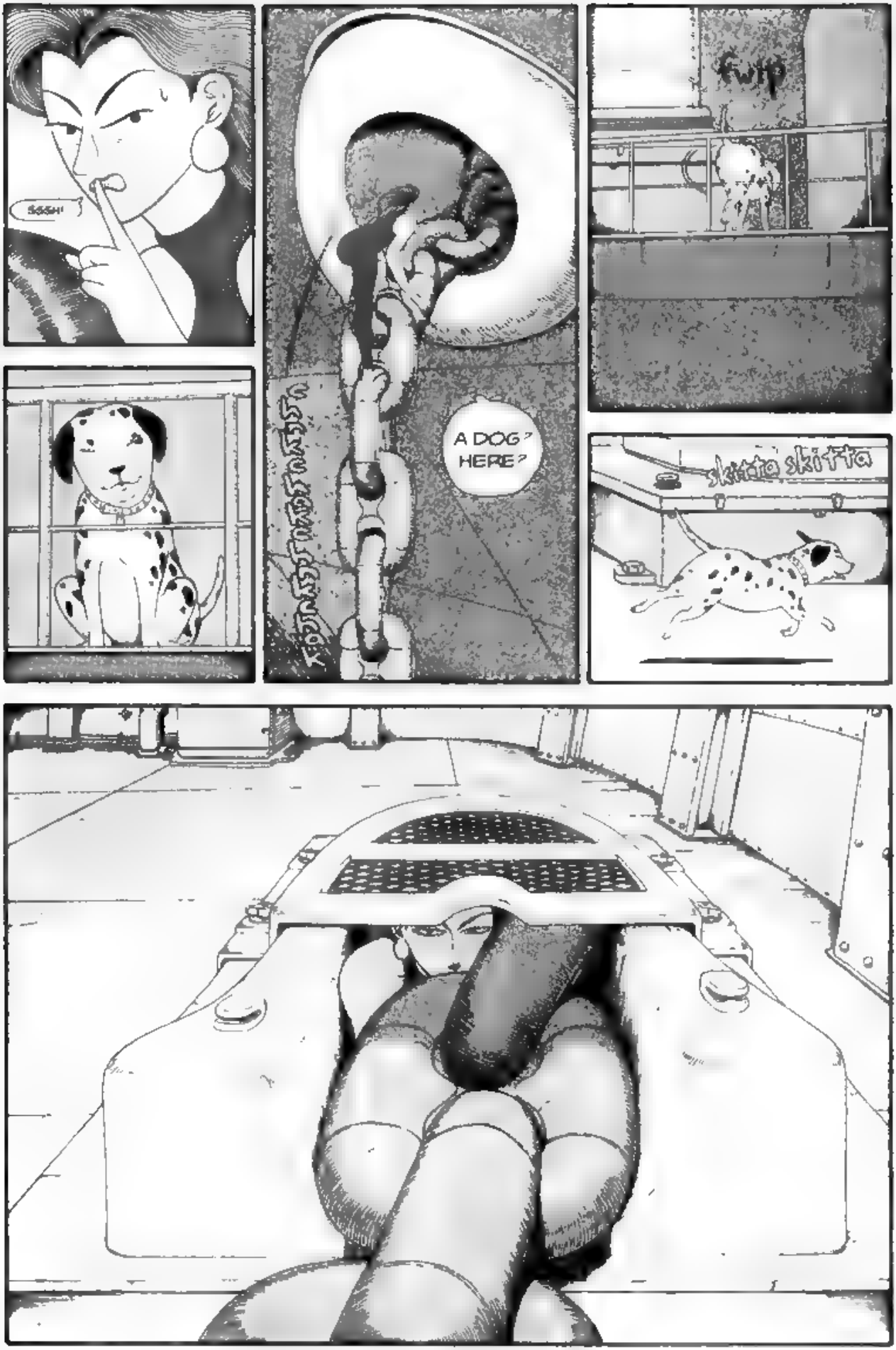
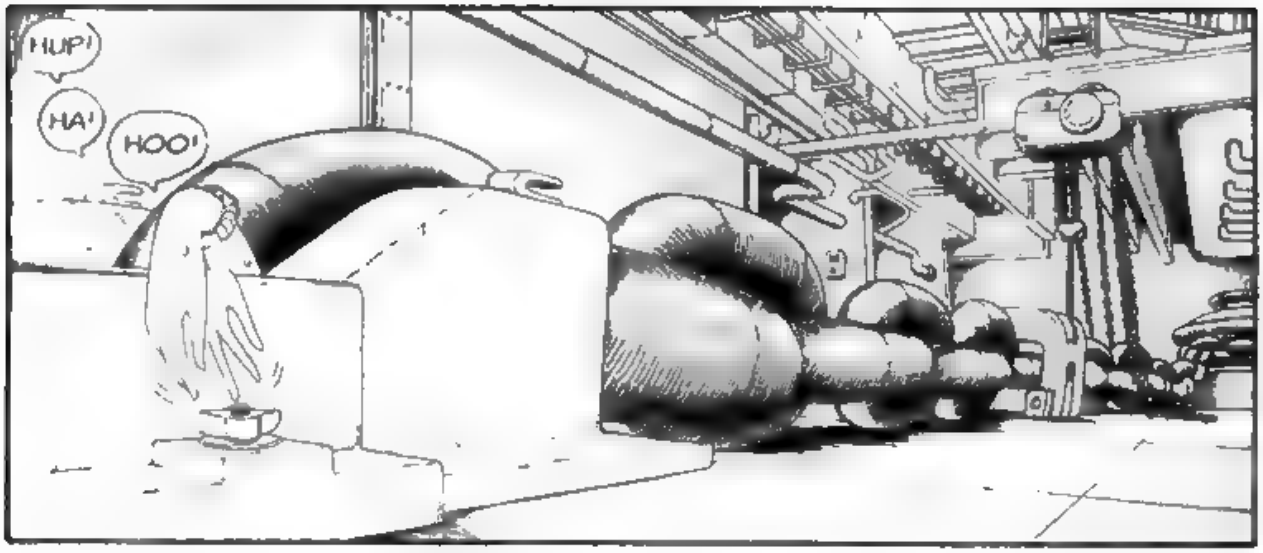
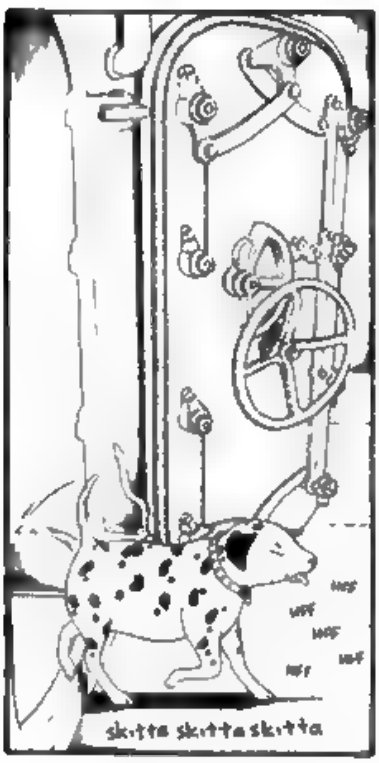

ARF!
!!?


SSSH!
A DOG? HERE?
flip
skitta skitta


HUP!
HA!
HOO!

NNNNNMM...
...A FEW MORE MM!

!!!
skitta skitta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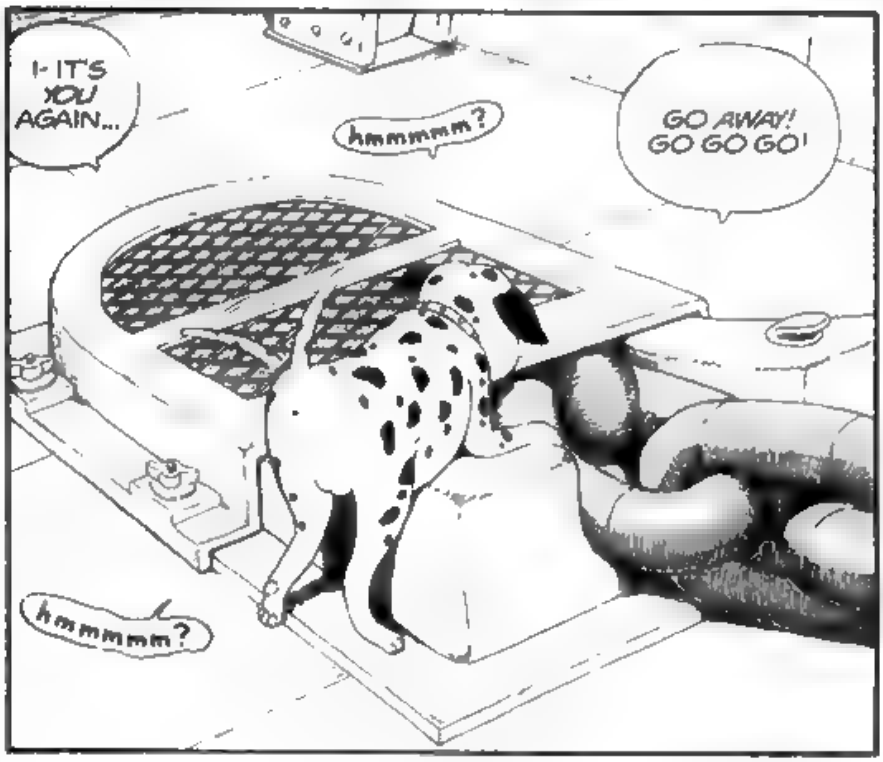
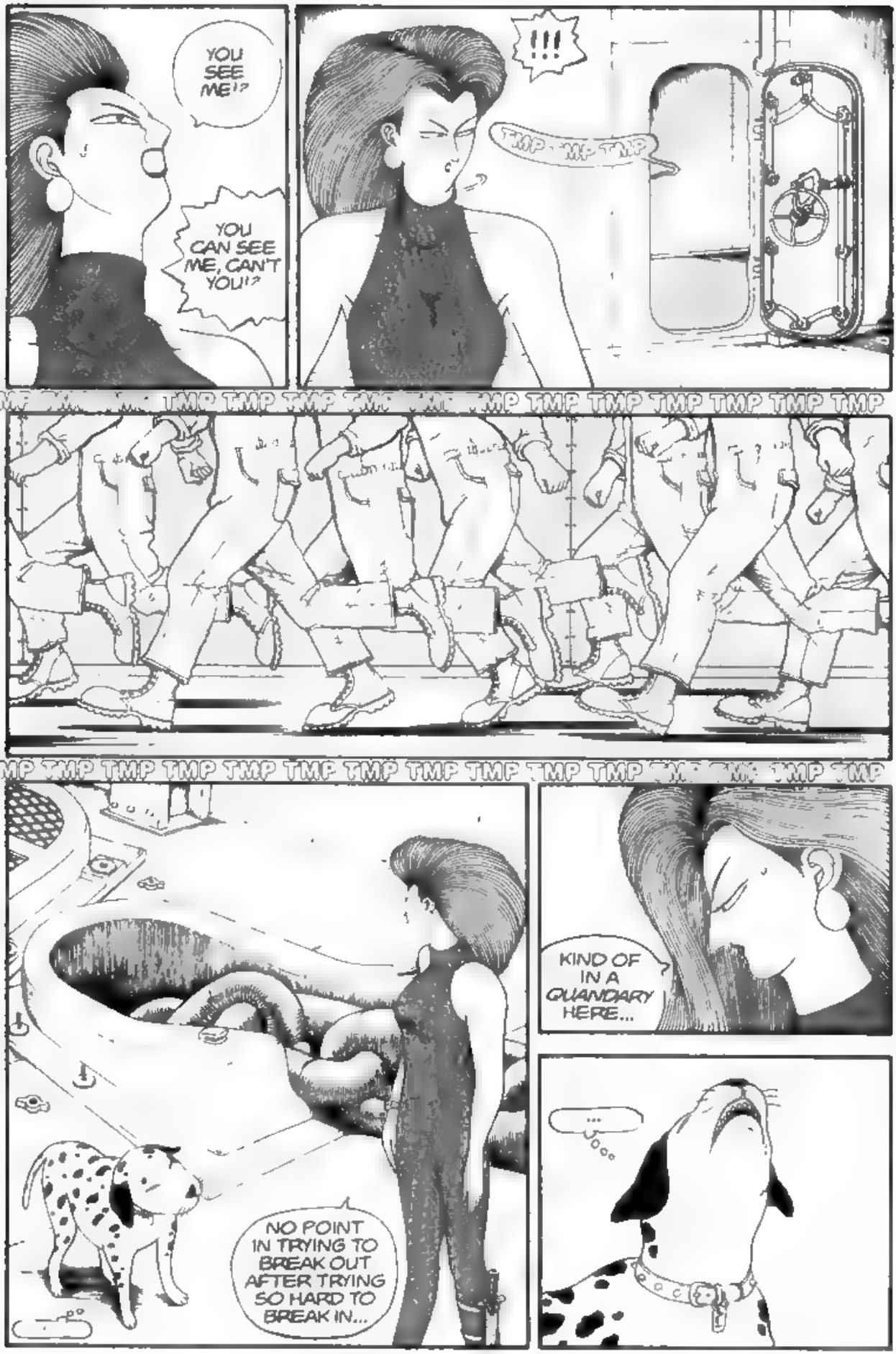
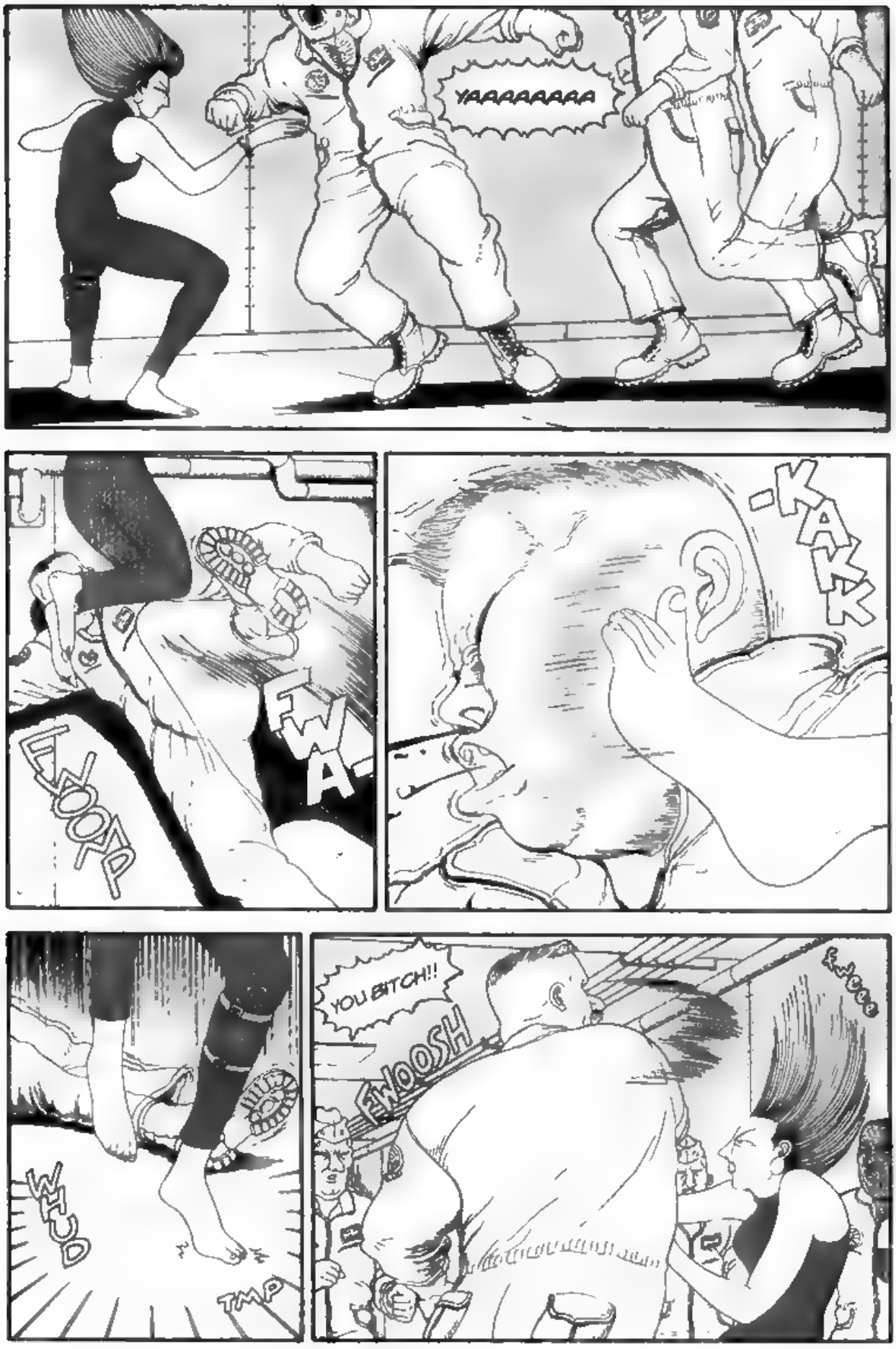

I- IT'S YOU AGAIN...
hmmmmm?
GO AWAY! GO GO GO!
hmmmmm?

SLURP SLURP
HEY, STOP THAT!
Paul
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
PAUL...?
ARF!
BE A GOOD DOG, PAUL-- AND OPEN THIS LATCH.
ARF!
krich
HEY! YOU DID IT!
ARF!
HRRRRL
krich
HRRRRL
HRRRRL
MY! YOU ARE SO SMART.
OPEN THEM ALL!
ARF!
zzzmmmm

WHAT THE...
INTRUDER IN THE ANCHOR BAY!!
HUH..


YOU SEE ME!?
YOU CAN SEE ME, CAN'T YOU!?
!!!
TMP-MP-TMP
TMP TMP TMP

(mmmm)
SNIFFA
SNIFFA
SNIFFA
SNIFFA
!!
HEY, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
GOOD BOY!
AIN'T NOTHIN TO IT BUT TO DO IT. ET VOILÀ!
IT IS NOT THE M. RENGE STYLE TO SKULK.
THERE SHE IS!!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP


YAAAAAAAA
FWOOP
FWA
-KAK
WHO
TMP
YOU BITCH!!
FWOOSH
fwee

KRICH
HIOOO-
HAH!!!
KRAK
JESUS!
GODDAMN-
FWCH
WHOOF$&$!
FWOOSH

THOK
C'MON, C'MON, C'MON, C'MON!!
SHIT!
WHOOSH
DAMN YANKEES!!!
KRAK
AAARRGH
I CAN TAKE YOU SUCKERS BY THE SHIPLOAD!!!
"A STRONG AMERICA!?" GIVE ME A BREAK!!! TIBIA! FIBULA! FEMURS TOO!
CRY CRY CRY!!
THWAK

OH... I SEE...
THK
WHK
DID SHE JUST TAKE OUT THE TRASH?
AHWOAN- GIT YEW!
WOOSH
ME
FA
KWICH
SKRICH

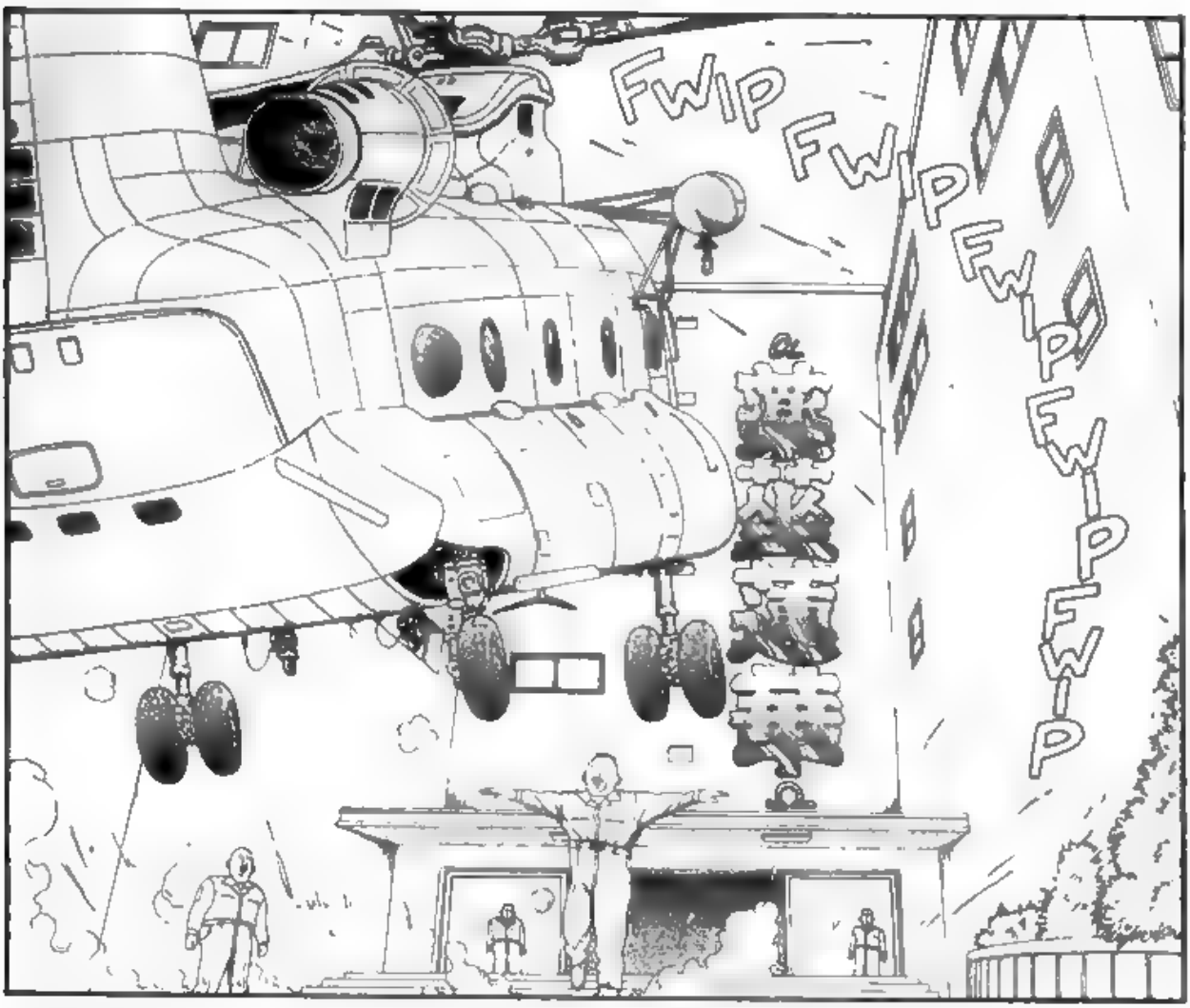
KWINNCH
AND SOOOO!
NEXT?
FWOOSH
NO.
NO.
OHHHHH!
KRNCH
GET OFF HIM!!
THIS WAY? THAT WAY? WELL, WHICH?
NO!! NO!!
KRRCH KRRCH
TUMP TUMP
NOT KILL THIS ONE! NO KILL!
TMP TMP
!!!
FWOOSH

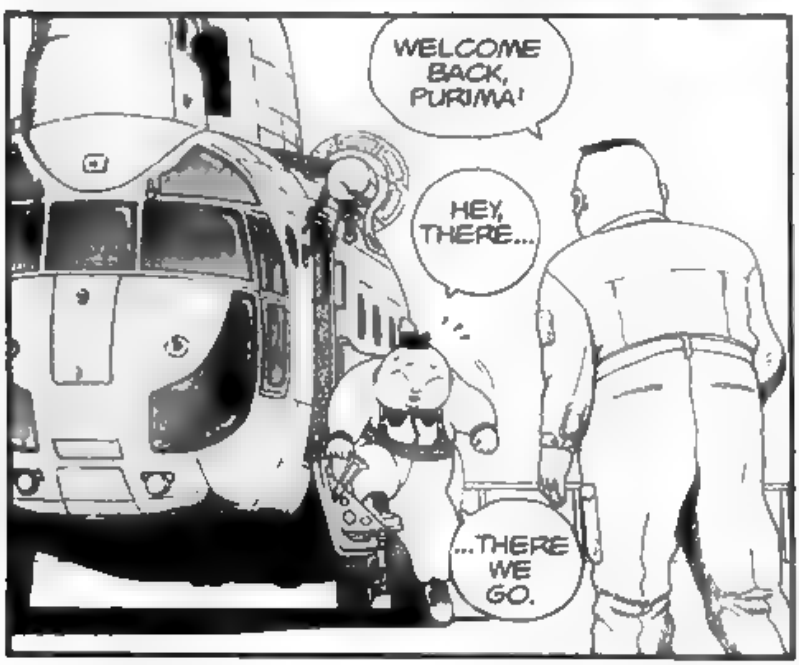
ARGH!!
KOFF KOFF
!!!
FSOOSH
AIEEEEE!
FWISH
BET IT HURTS, HUH?
OW OW OW OW OW OW
IT HURTS!!
A ONE... AND A TWO
CRY! C'MON CRY!! I WANNA HEAR YOU CRY, BITCH!!!
KRAKK
AAHARGH!!

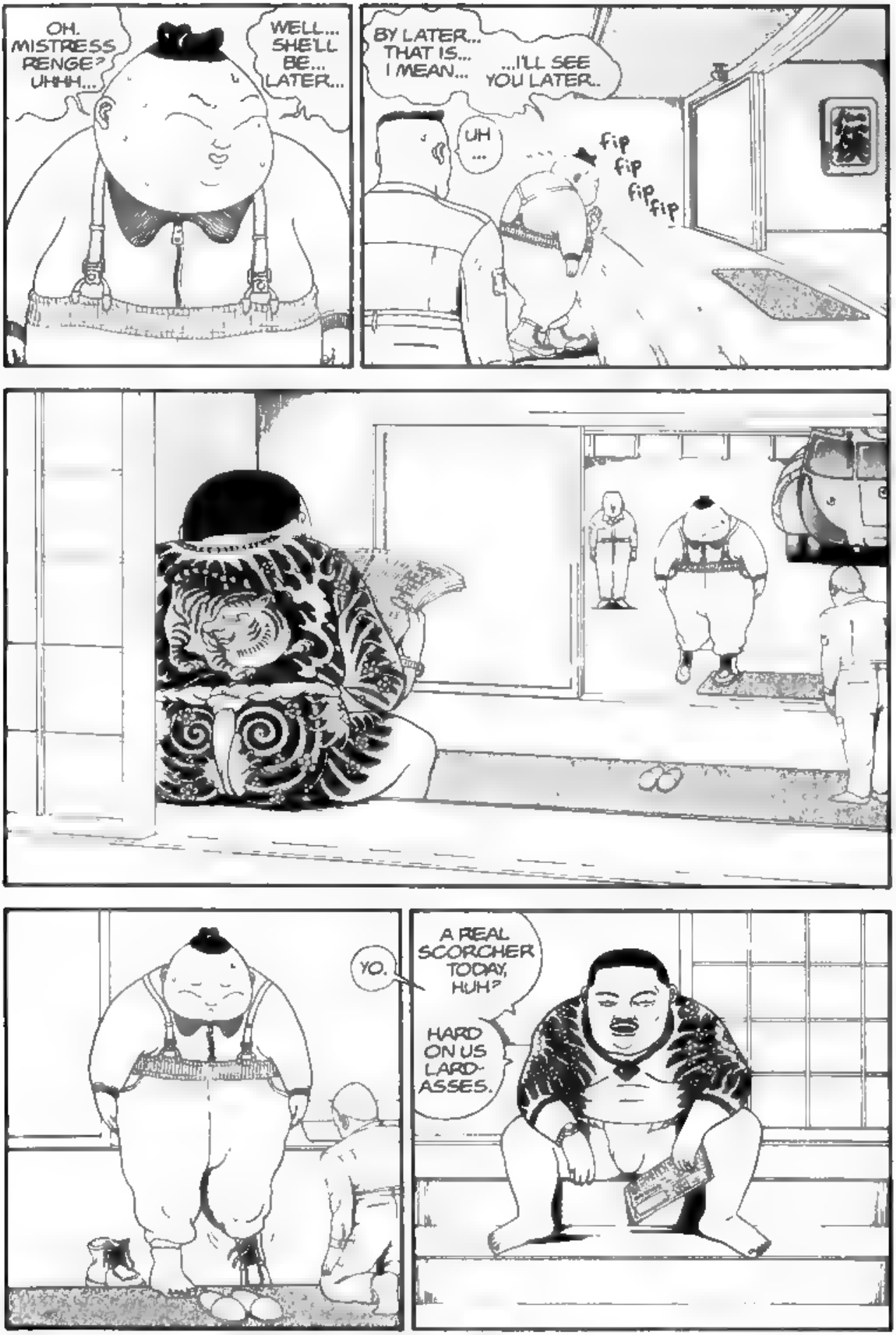
TELL ME ONCE AGAIN... WHO'S BAD?
THWOK
hurrgk
HARD LIKE A CRIMINAL!
THNK
LOUDER!
GLSSG
COME ON!!
HAD ENOUGH!?
OH... THE SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED...
... NOT NECESSARILY TO YOUR ADVANTAGE, HUH?
YOU GIVE UP?

OKAY, LET'S SIGN THE SURRENDER UP ON DECK...
WATCH ME CLIMB...
TMP TMP TMP
...WAIT...
...ONE ...MORE ...TIME!
flip
TOK
HMG!
ARGH
SORRY 'BOUT THAT CORN-ON-THE-COB DINNER YOU HAD PLANNED! HAW HAW!
grrrrrgggggg
hi-yaaa!
NO WAITING!

"Purima, this plan is a secret. Not a word to anyone... not even to the family!"




OH. MISTRESS RENGE? UHHH...
WELL... SHE'LL BE... LATER...
BY LATER... THAT IS... I MEAN...
...I'LL SEE YOU LATER..
UH ...
fip fip fip fip
YO.
A REAL SCORCHER TODAY, HUH?
HARD ON US LARD-ASSES.

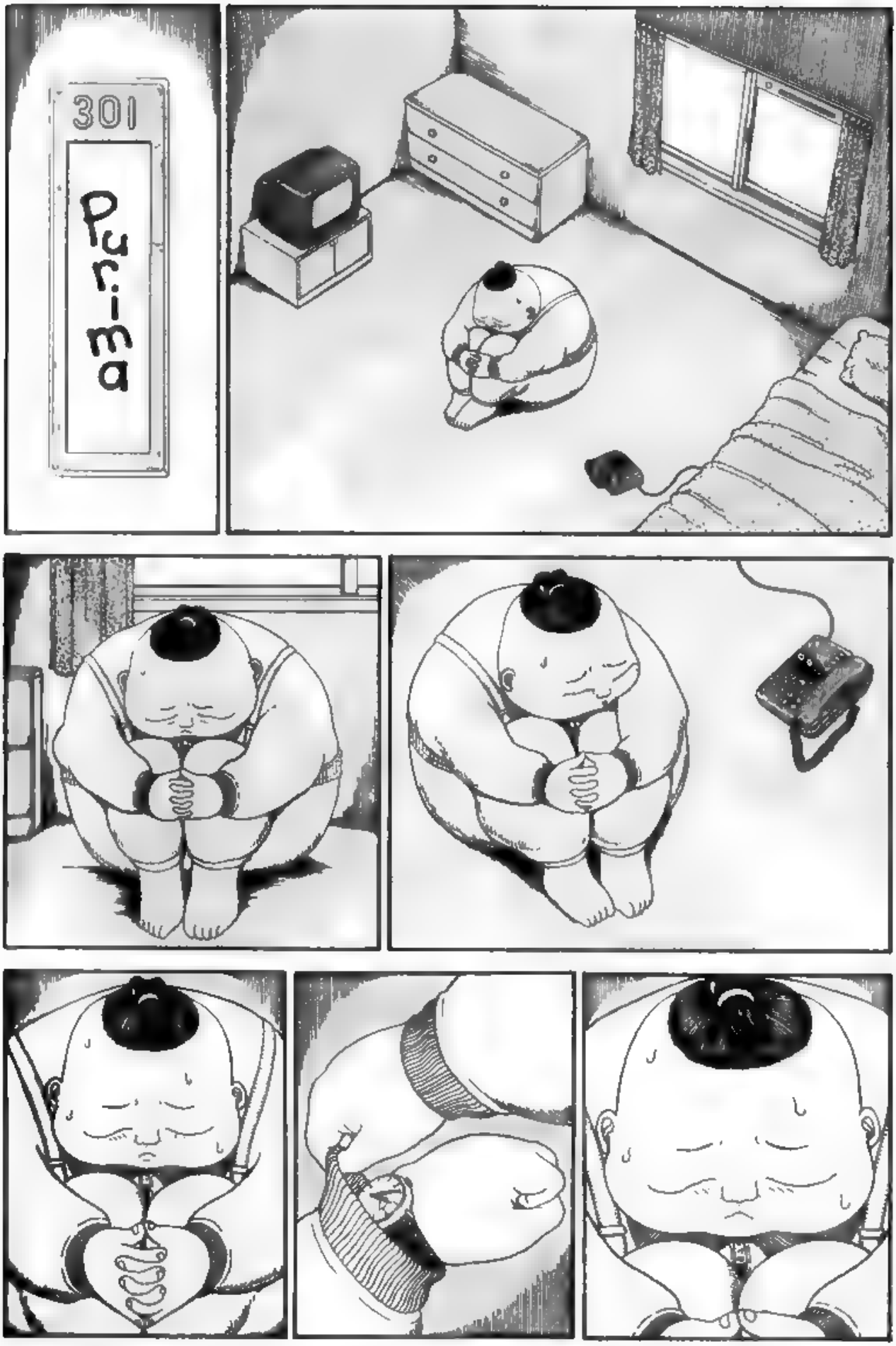
URK!
MAMETAN.
HEY...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE WITH MISTRESS RENGE!
GLP
Y-YES... I WAS...
WHERE'D YOU TWO GO OFF TO? HEY, I WON'T TELL ANYONE
UH... WE FLEW ACROSS THE SEA...
ship ship
A SUMMER OUTING!
W-WELL...
WE FLEW TO A SHIP THAT SAILS ACROSS THE GREAT OCEAN. MISTRESS RENGE HAD TO T-TAKE CARE OF SOME THINGS.
OKINAWA? GUAM?
THINGS? WHAT KIND O THINGS?
HUH!? WELL, NOT, . UH... Y'KNOW, THINGS...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! A VACATION... SHE TOOK A VACATION!
VACATION!? AND YOU...
...YOU ACTUALLY LEFT MISTRESS RENGE ALONE ON THIS BOAT!?
Y-YES... I DID...
SHE SAID SHE WANTED SOME TIME TO HERSELF.

WHAT SHIP!?
I-I...
...CANNOT SHARE THAT INFOR-MATION WITH YOU..
WHAT?
YOU STUPID FUCK!
THOK
OOF...
THOK
WHAT IF SOME-THING HAPPENS TO MISTRESS RENGE?
NOW WHAT'S ALL THE HULLABALOO?
VICE-DON TATSUMI, SIR!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN YOUR UNDER-WEAR?
NOW DON'T TELL ME...
WE'VE GOT TROUBLE, SIR!
HE WON'T TELL US WHERE MISTRESS RENGE IS, MR. VICE-DON!
!!
I SEE... WHY DON'T WE GO UP TO MY ROOM...
YOU CAN TELL ME MORE ABOUT MISTRESS RENGE!

PURIMA, LATELY I'VE BEEN A BIT CONCERNED.
I THINK YOU'VE BEEN COOKING UP A LITTLE PLAN.
O-OH NO... NOT AT ALL... NOT AT ALL
PLEASE GIVE ME SOME CREDIT.
MY SOURCES TELL ME SOMETHING'S GOING ON.
THINGS LIKE BUYING WEAPONS ON THE RUSSIAN BLACK MARKET.
UPK
SARIN GAS.. ANTHRAX SPORES... SOUNDS KIND OF DANGEROUS.
...

NOW I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN YOU AS A GENTLE GUY. I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'RE DOING THIS ON YOUR OWN.
I- I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, SIR...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS...
ALL RIGHT..
I WON'T PRESS THE POINT...
YOU COME TO ME THOUGH, IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO.
PURIMA...
I ONLY SERVE MISTRESS RENGE. SO I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER MUCH HELP. BUT HEY-- I'M HERE FOR YOU.
CLICK
I'LL JUST EXCUSE MYSELF THEN, SIR.
Y- YES, SIR...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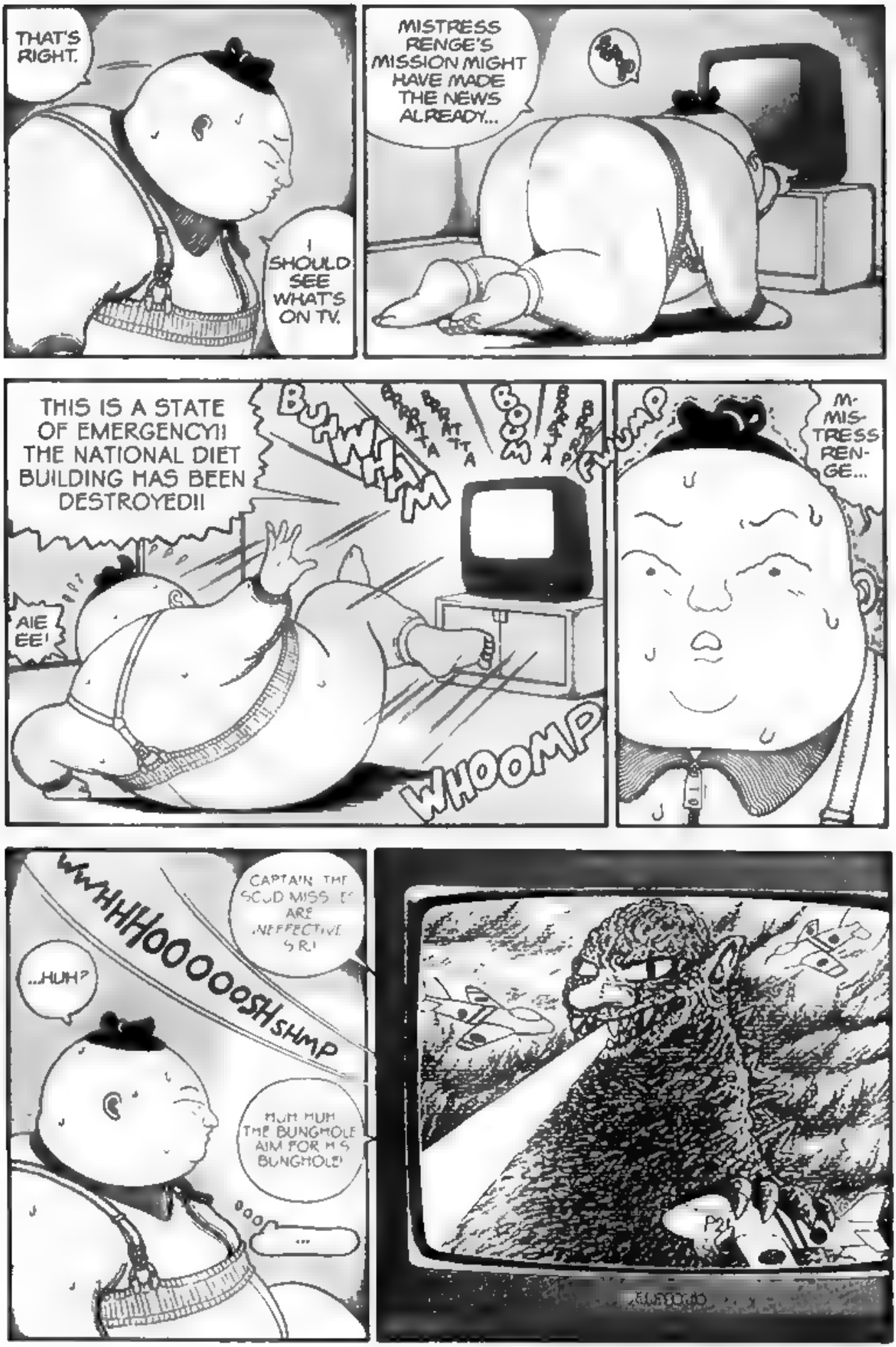
THAT'S RIGHT.
I SHOULD SEE WHAT'S ON TV.
MISTRESS RENGE'S MISSION MIGHT HAVE MADE THE NEWS ALREADY...
THIS IS A STATE OF EMERGENCY!! THE NATIONAL DIET BUILDING HAS BEEN DESTROYED!!
BUWWHM
BRRRTTTA
BRRTTTA
BOM
AIE EE!
WHOOMP
M-MISTRESS RENGE...
WWHHOOOOOSHSHMP
...HUH?
CAPTAIN THE SCUD MISSILES ARE INEFFECTIVE SIR!
HUH HUH THE BUNGHOLE AIM FOR HIS BUNGHOLE!
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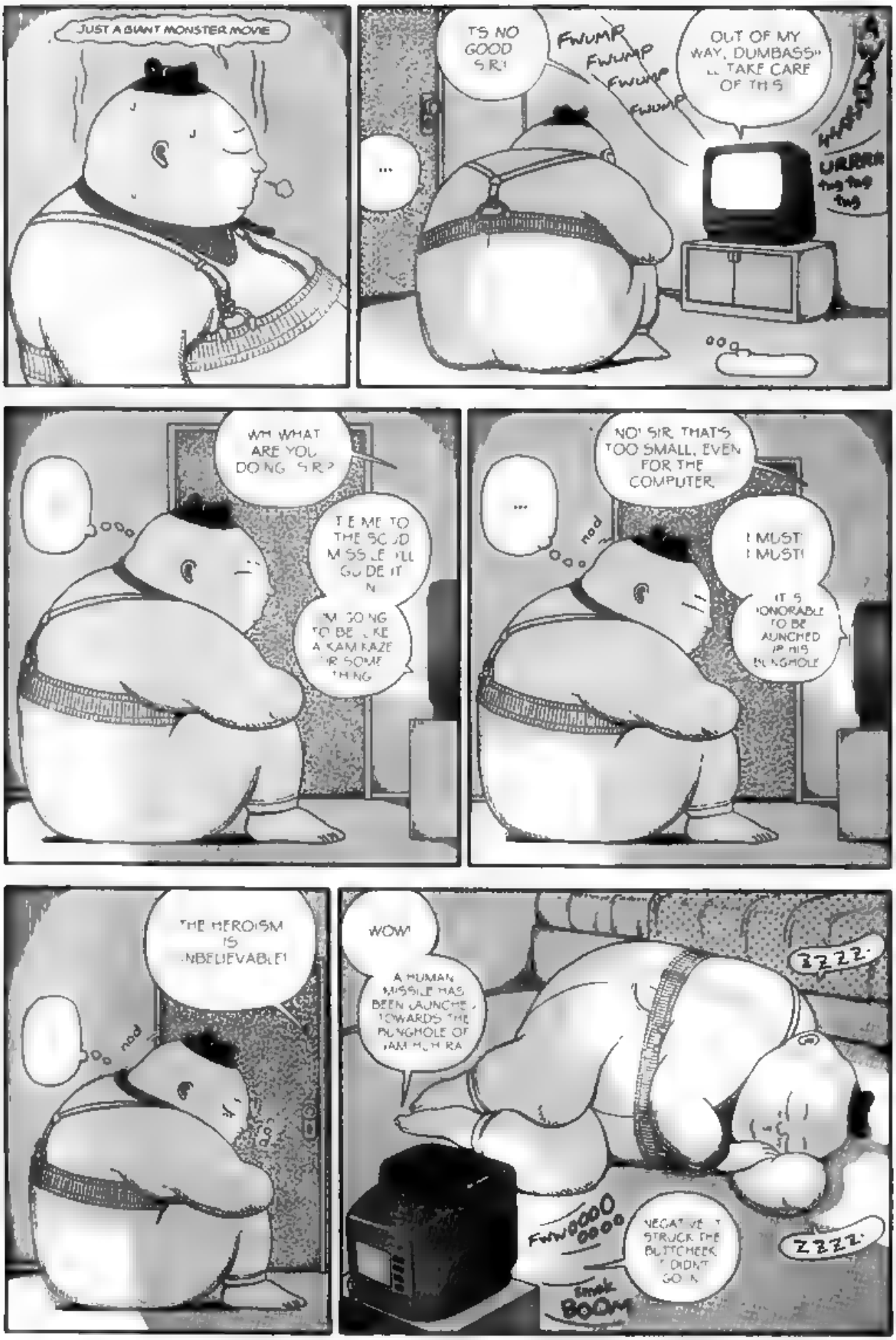
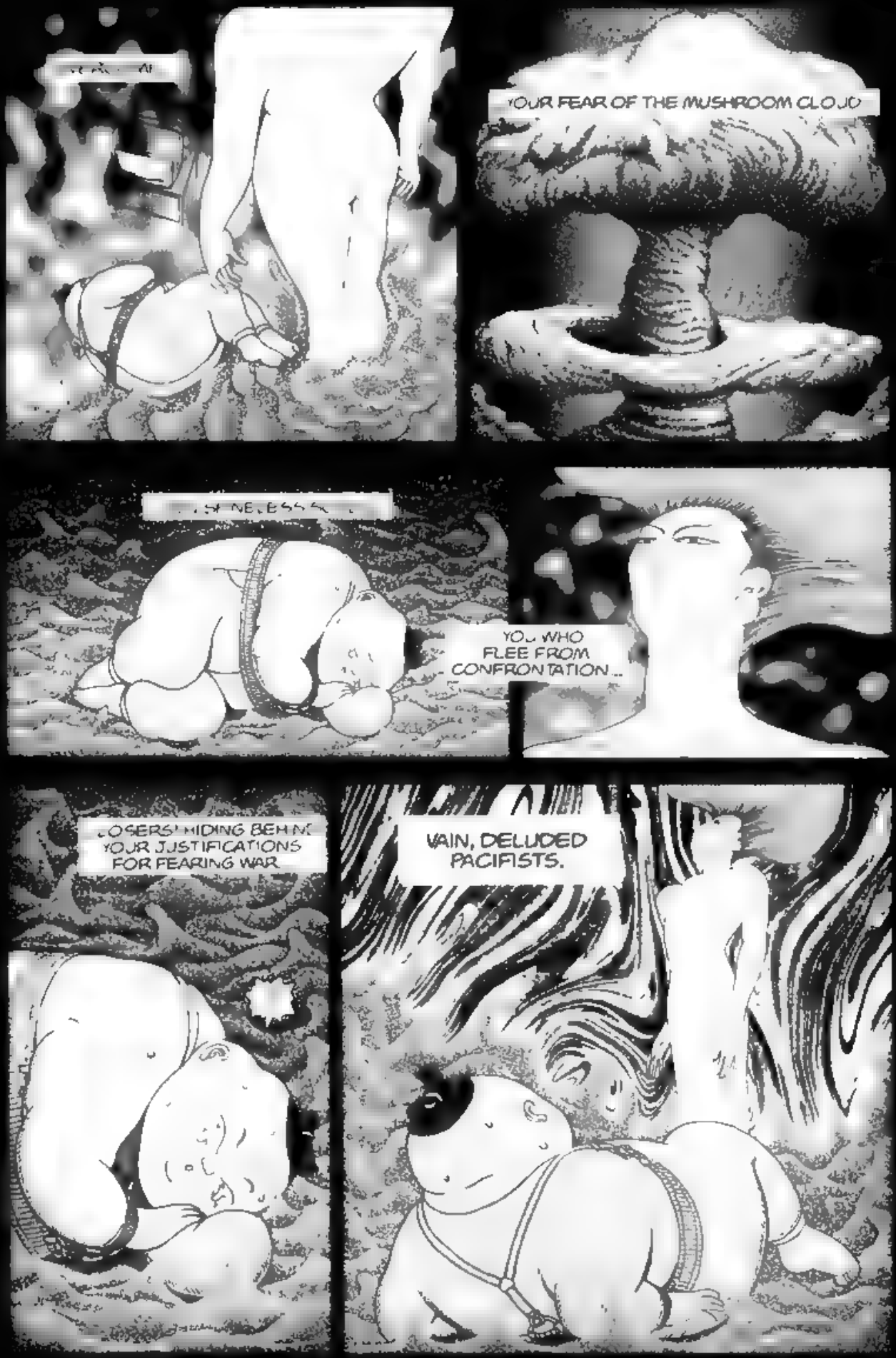
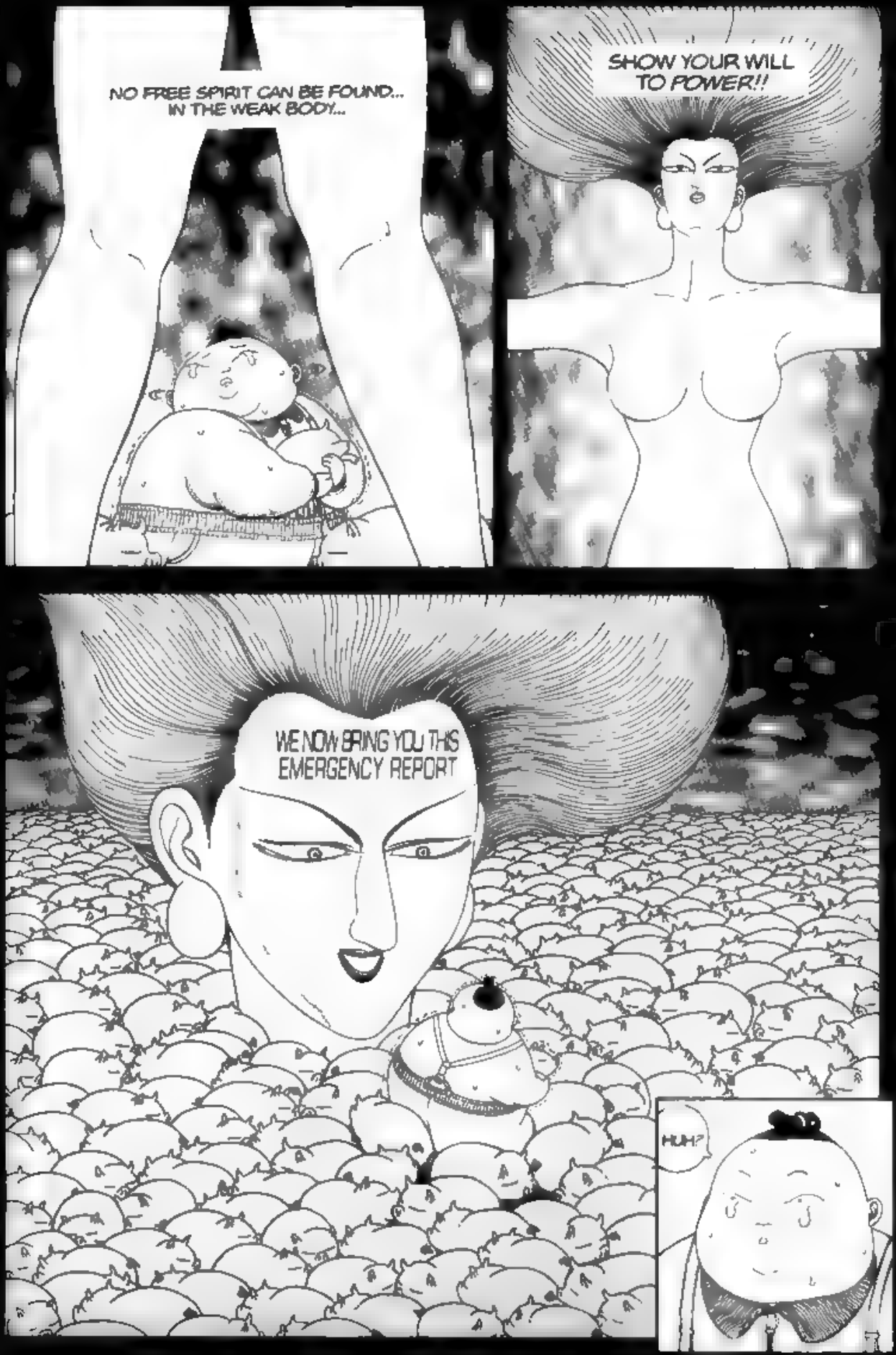
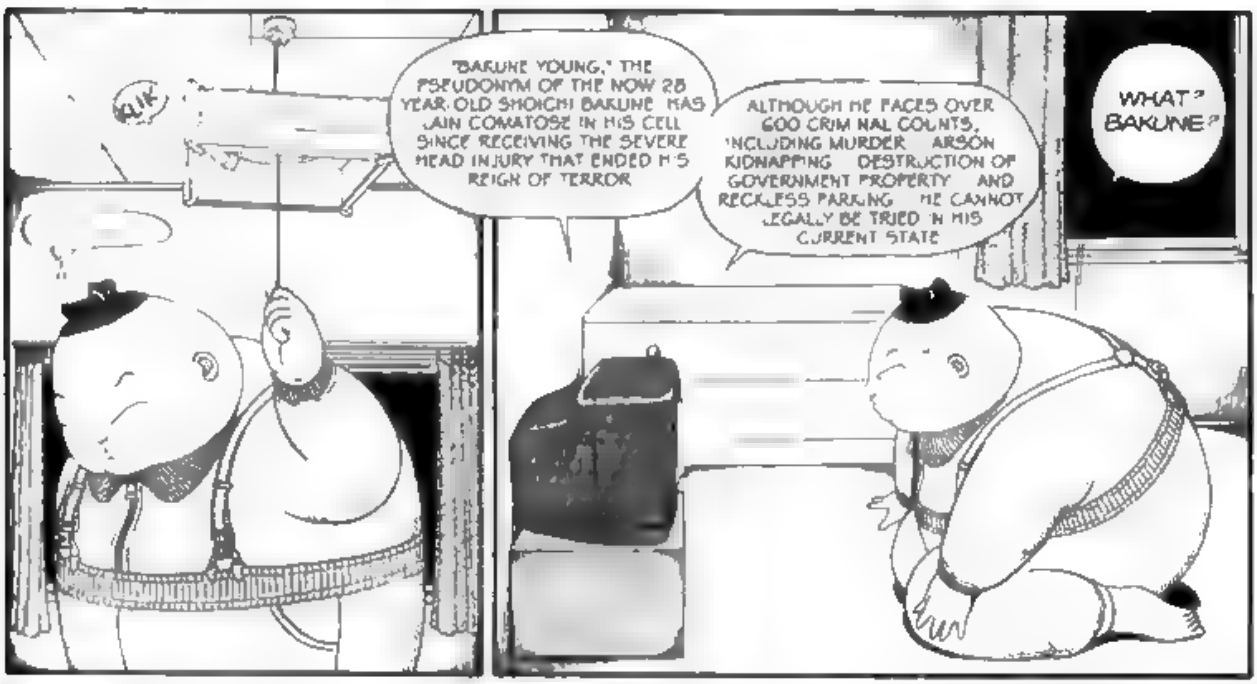

JUST A GIANT MONSTER MOVIE
TS NO GOOD SIR!
FWUMP FWUMP FWUMP FWUMP
OUT OF MY WAY, DUMBASS" .. TAKE CARE OF THIS
URRRR tug tug tug
...
WH WHAT ARE YOU DO NG SIR?
TE ME TO THE SCUD M SSLE I'LL GU DE IT N
M GO NG TO BE KE A KAM KAZE R SOME THING
NO! SIR, THAT'S TOO SMALL, EVEN FOR THE COMPUTER.
nod
I MUST! I MUST!
T S ONORABLE TO BE AUNCHED N HIS BUNGHOLE
THE HEROISM IS UNBELIEVABLE!
nod
WOW!
A HUMAN MISSILE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED TOWARDS THE BUNGHOLE OF SAM HUSSEIN
ZZZZ.
FWWOOO
NEGATIVE T STRUCK THE BUTTCHEEK I DIDN'T GO N
ZZZZ.
BOOM

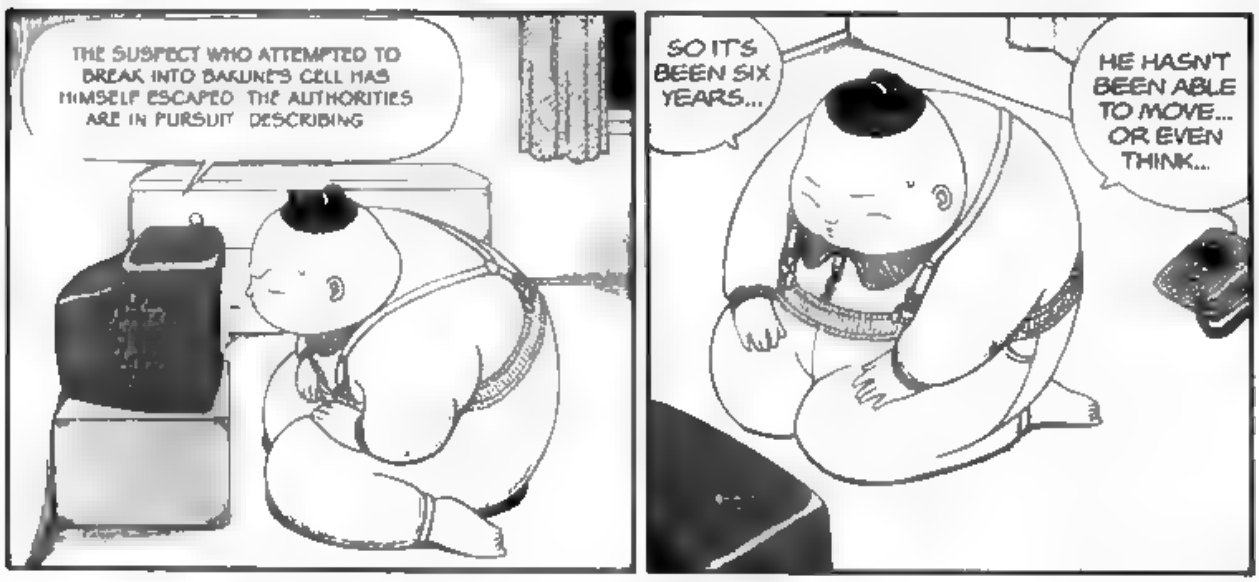

YOUR FEAR OF THE MUSHROOM CLOUD
YOU WHO FLEE FROM CONFRONTATION...
LOSERS! HIDING BEHIND YOUR JUSTIFICATIONS FOR FEARING WAR
VAIN, DELUDED PACIFISTS.

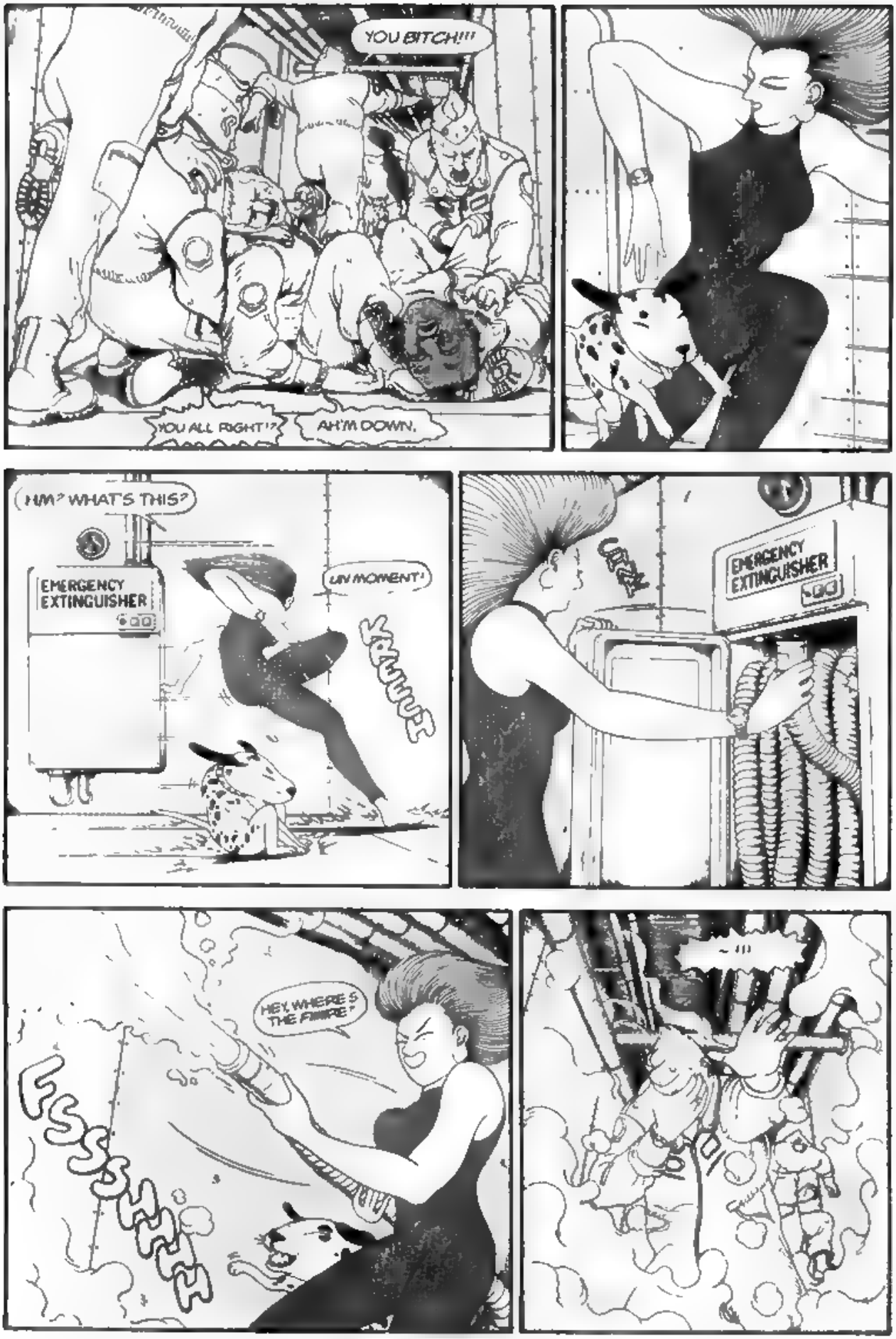
IN EXCHANGE FOR SAFETY YOU SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO FALSE JUSTICE AND BECOME SLAVES TO THE ORDER...
SLAVES WILL ONLY BREED SLAVES
JUSTICE... THAT IS ONLY AN EGOISTIC HYPOCRISY... MANUFACTURED BY THE VICTORS
THE MEEK IN SPIRIT... WILL NEVER FIND TRUE PEACE..
ARM THE SOUL YOU MUST AWAKEN

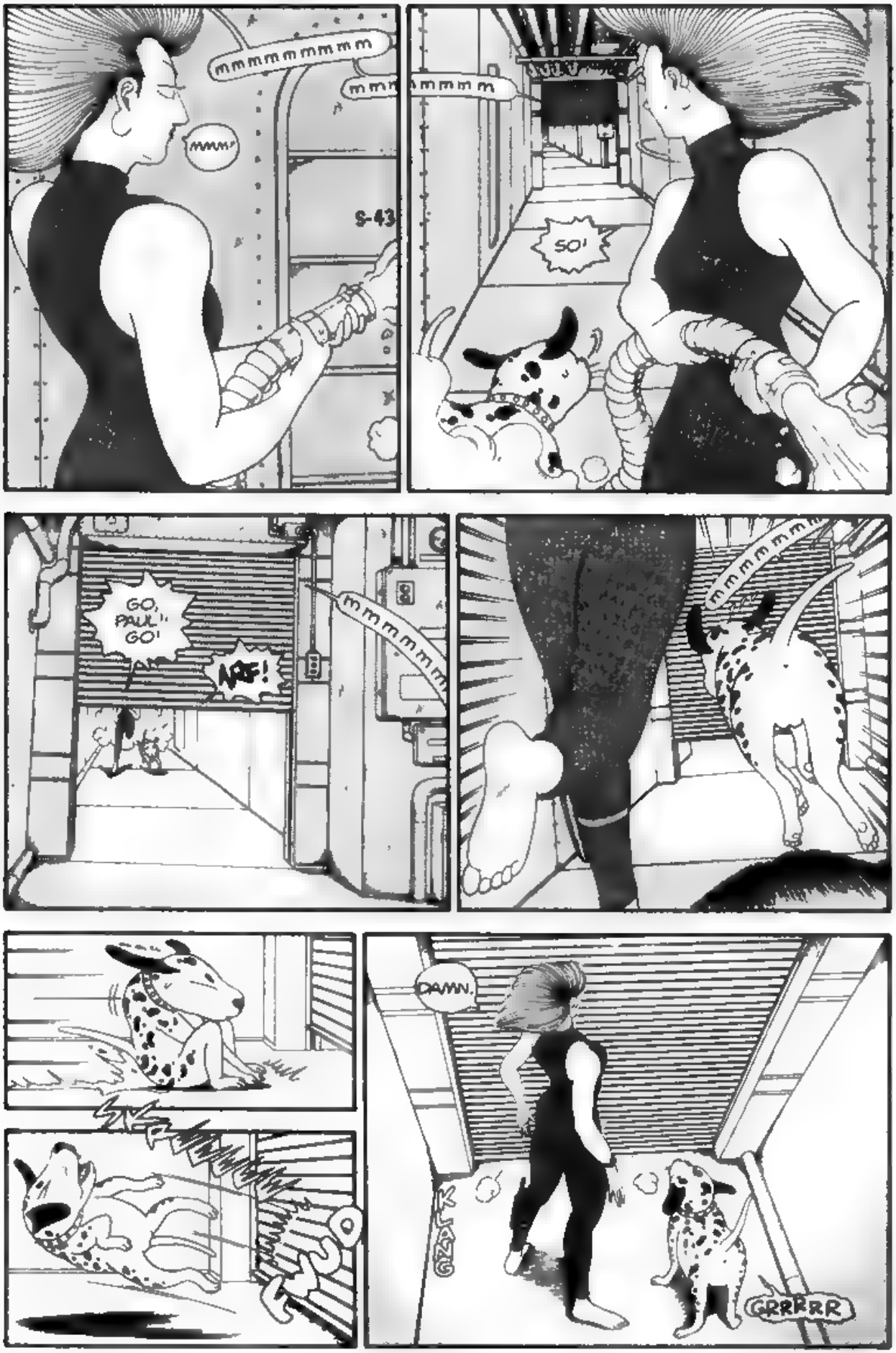

NO FREE SPIRIT CAN BE FOUND...
IN THE WEAK BODY...
SHOW YOUR WILL
TO POWER!!
WE NOW BRING YOU THIS
EMERGENCY REPORT
HUH?

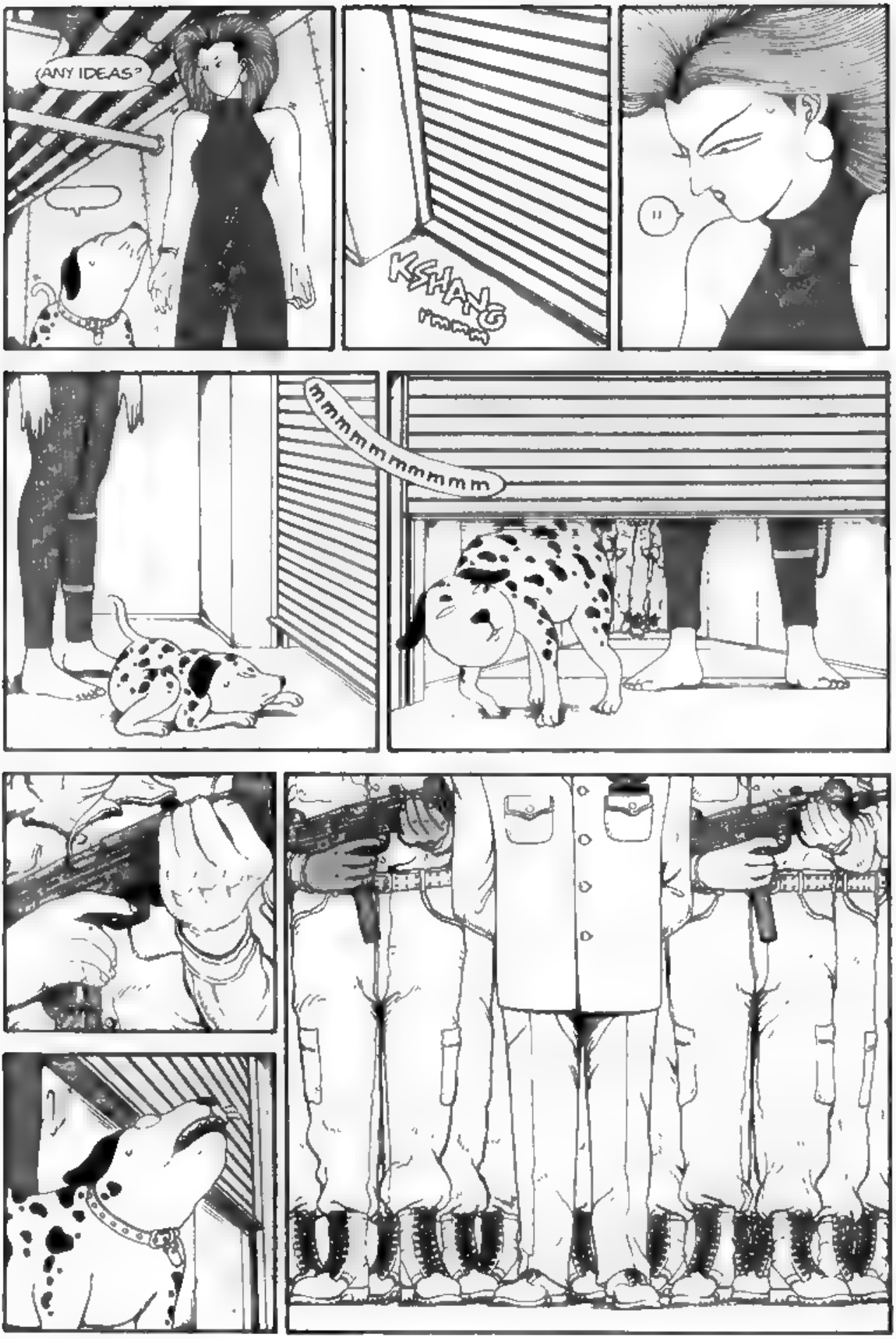
AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT AT 11 A.M. THIS MORNING, AN INTRUDER ATTEMPTED TO BREAK INTO THE CELL OF THE NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL BAKUNE YOUNG
THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE OSAKA POLICE HOSPITAL WHERE BAKUNE HAS BEEN CONFINED IN A MAXIMUM SECURITY HOLDING CELL FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS

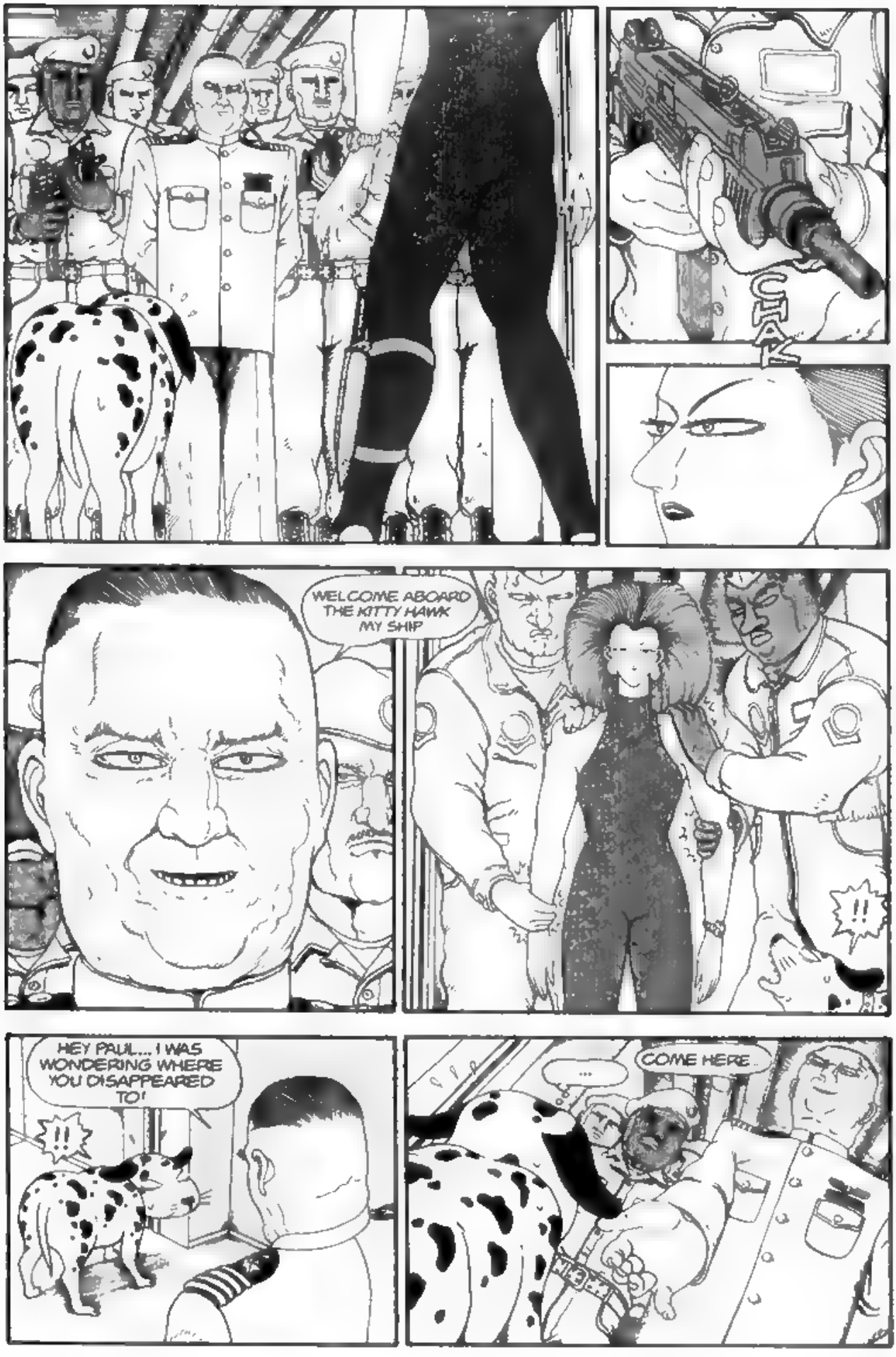

CLIK
"BAKUNE YOUNG," THE PSEUDONYM OF THE NOW 28 YEAR-OLD SHOICHI BAKUNE, HAS LAIN COMATOSE IN HIS CELL SINCE RECEIVING THE SEVERE HEAD INJURY THAT ENDED HIS REIGN OF TERROR
ALTHOUGH HE FACES OVER 600 CRIMINAL COUNTS, INCLUDING MURDER, ARSON, KIDNAPPING, DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, AND RECKLESS PARKING, HE CANNOT LEGALLY BE TRIED IN HIS CURRENT STATE
WHAT? BAKUNE?

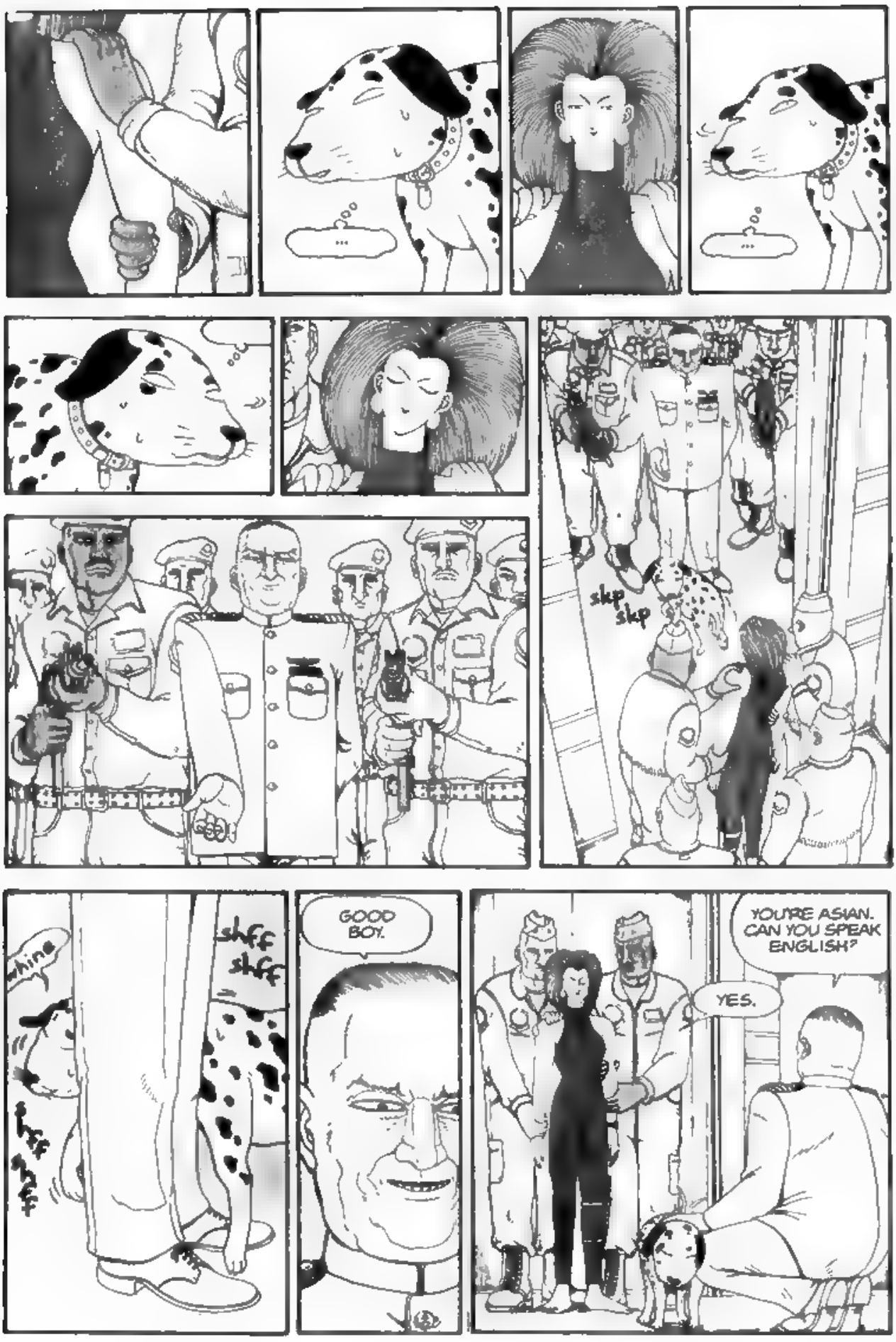

THE SUSPECT WHO ATTEMPTED TO BREAK INTO BAKUNE'S CELL HAS HIMSELF ESCAPED. THE AUTHORITIES ARE IN PURSUIT. DESCRIBING
SO IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS...
HE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO MOVE... OR EVEN THINK...


YOU BITCH!!!
YOU ALL RIGHT!?
AH'M DOWN.
HM? WHAT'S THIS?
EMERGENCY EXTINGUISHER
UH MOMENT!
YAAAUUU!
CRASH
EMERGENCY EXTINGUISHER
HEY, WHERE'S THE FIRE!
SSSSHHHH

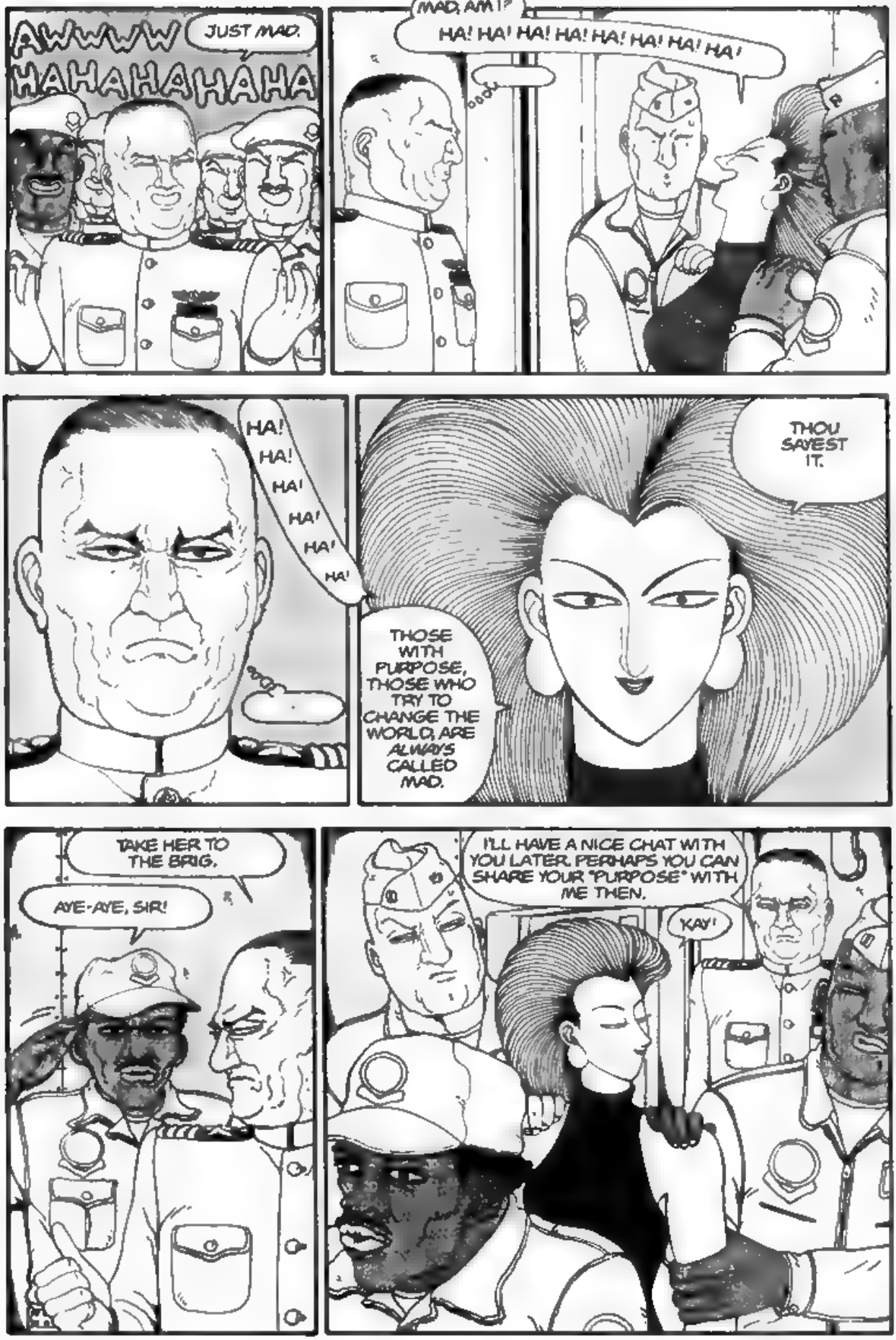

mmmmmmmm
mmm
mmm
S-43
mmmm
SO!
GO, PAUL! GO!
ARF!
mmmmmm
mmmmmm
DAMN.
GRRRRR


ANY IDEAS?
KSHANG
mmmmmmmmm


CLAK
WELCOME ABOARD THE KITTY HAWK MY SHIP
!!
HEY PAUL... I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU DISAPPEARED TO!
!!
...
COME HERE


...
...
skp skp
whine
shff shff
shff shff
GOOD BOY.
YOU'RE ASIAN. CAN YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?
YES.

YOU MANAGED TO HAVE 100 OF MY MEN HOSPITALIZED.
I'M IMPRESSED.
THANKS.
HOWEVER... I'VE ONE QUESTION.
WHY ATTACK US UNARMED?
HOW MANY CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD HERE?
5,000...
YOU SEE, I ONLY WISHED TO IMPOSE PROPER DISCIPLINE.
HEH-HEH-HEH. SOON, ALL YOU MEN WILL SERVE ME!
YOU HEAR THAT?
GLAD SHE'S NOT ANGRY.


AWWWW HAHAHAHAHA
JUST MAD.
MAD, AM I?
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
THOU SAYEST IT.
THOSE WITH PURPOSE, THOSE WHO TRY TO CHANGE THE WORLD, ARE ALWAYS CALLED MAD.
TAKE HER TO THE BRIG.
AYE-AYE, SIR!
I'LL HAVE A NICE CHAT WITH YOU LATER. PERHAPS YOU CAN SHARE YOUR "PURPOSE" WITH ME THEN.
KAY!

CLANK
KLAZUUUU
...
YOUR ARMS TOO SHORT TO BOX WIT' THAT.
...
SEAMAN KELLY!
SIR!
STAY ALERT!
I'LL BRING YOU ONE OF THOSE... "MAIN-GAH"...SO YOU WON'T GET BORED.
IT'S THIRTEEN FEET, ONE AND ONE HUNDRED-AND-TWENTY-THREE TWO-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY-SIXTHS INCHES HIGH! THAT'S 4 METERS, MAN!
*CHUCKLE*

SAY, NOW. IN THE CORNER... YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S FOR, DON'T YOU?
JUST IN CASE YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YO' BUSINESS.
HERE... READ THIS.
THANK YOU, SIR.
Pa
Pa
Ra?
Q!
OH... PAPERAO.
WHATEVER.
...

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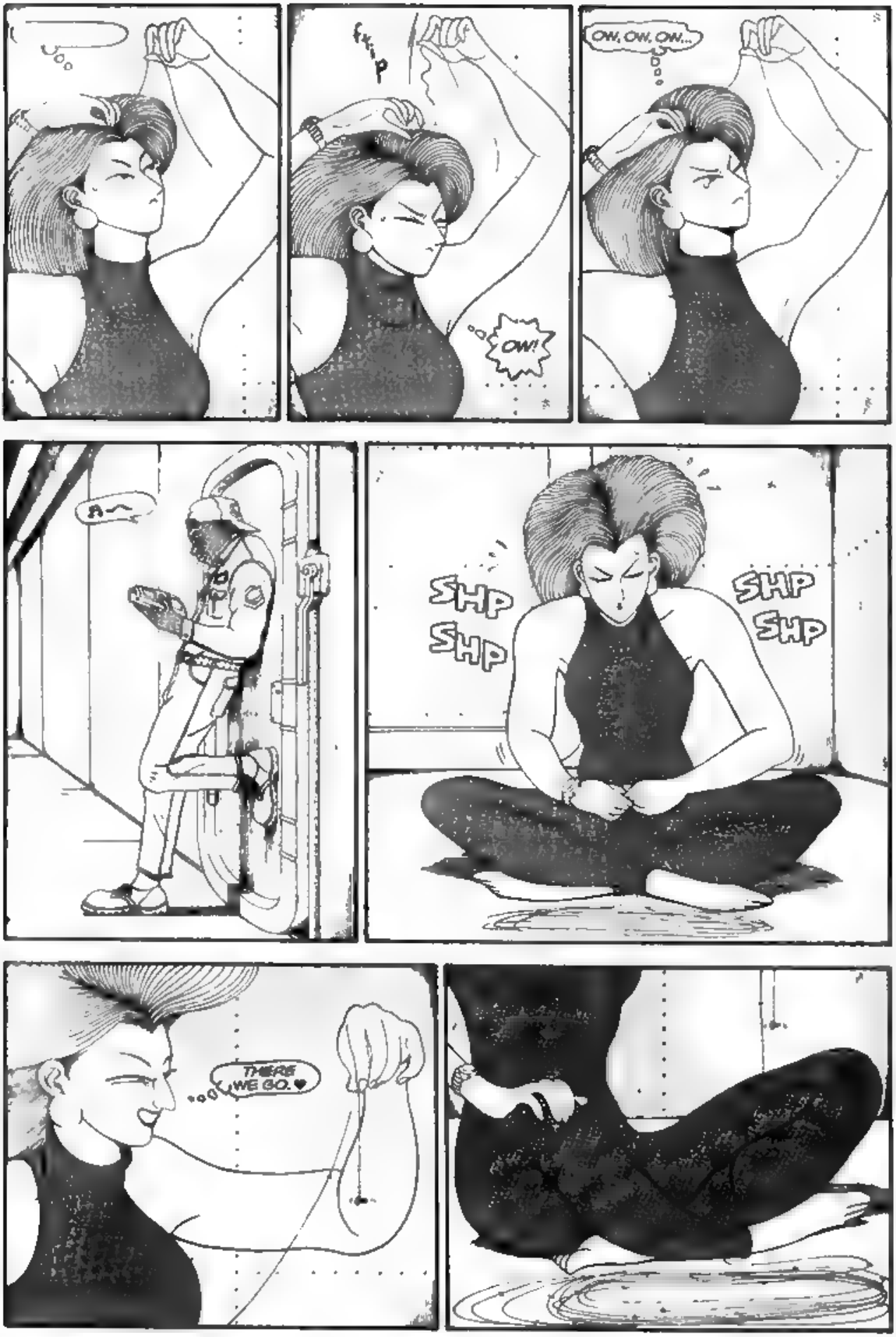
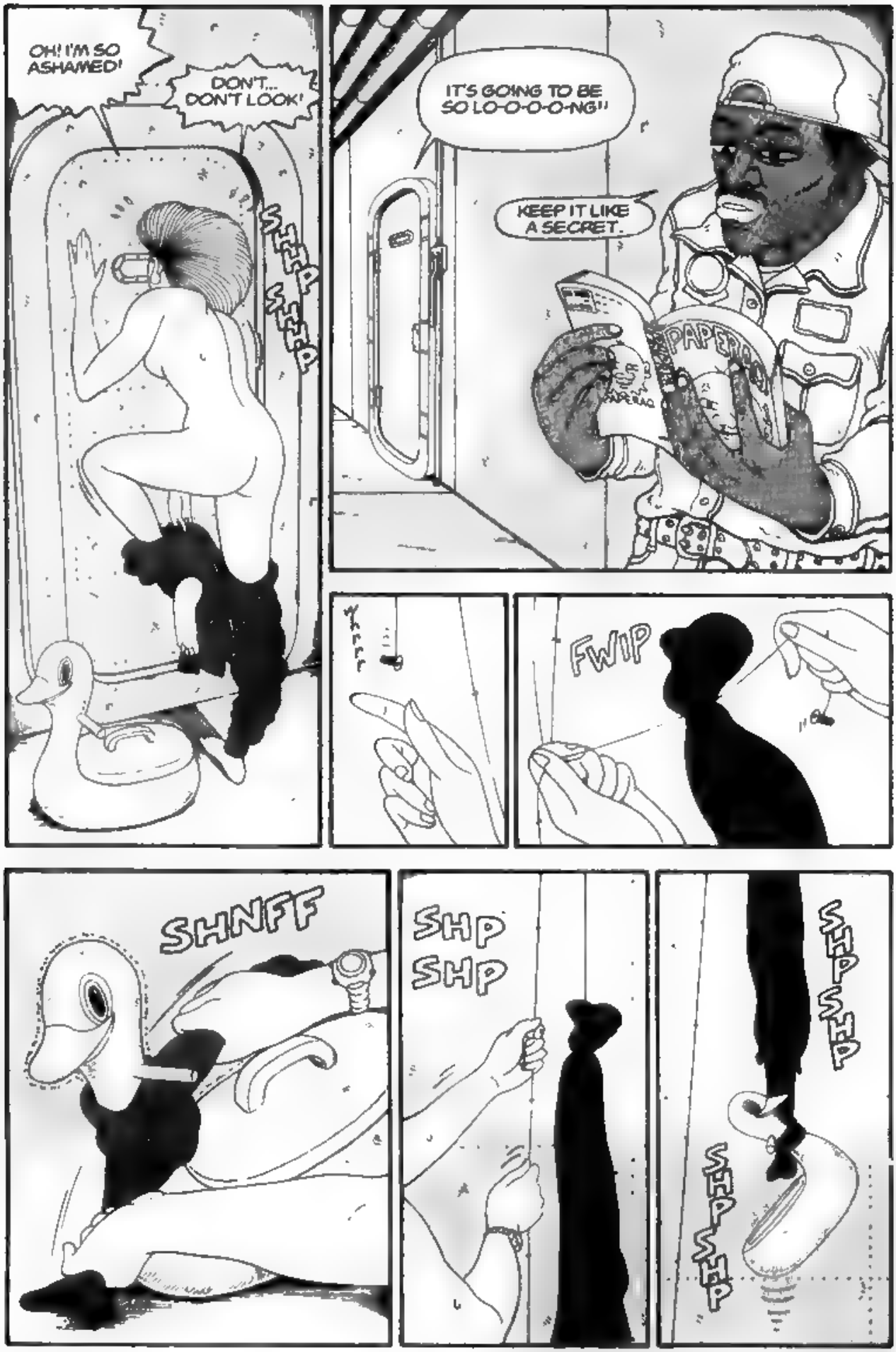
shp

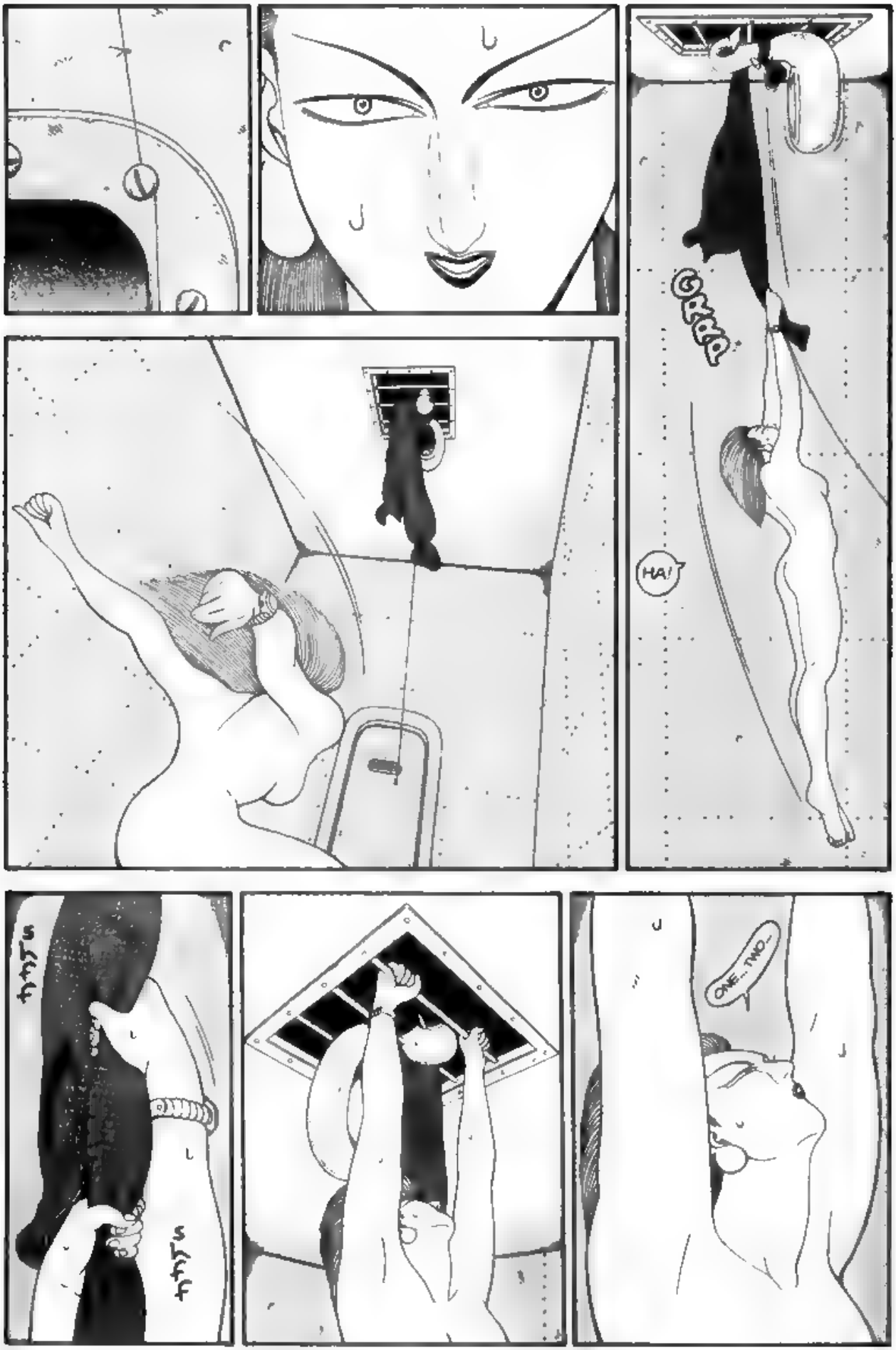

FLIP
OW!
OH, OH, OH...
A~
SHP
SHP
SHP
SHP
THERE WE GO.♥

SHOOP
TNK
PAPP
whpp
whpp
YES!!
THMP

PAPERWORK
H-HEY... THIS... I'M...
UH, IT'S A TOILET- AIIIGHT?
JUST DO IT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "JUST DO IT!?" I'M A WOMAN, I NEED YOUR SENSI-TIV-ITY!
BEST TO BACK UP, SEAMAN ABLE, BEFORE I BUST WITH THIS SUBMARINE CABLE!
WELL, I GOTS MY DOODY!
BACK...
BACK... YEAH. THAT'S FINE RIGHT THERE...
UH... UH... OKAY... BUT YOU BETTER BE QUICK!
CLOTH AND EGG ARE IN VERY CLOSE PROXIMITY!
B-BUT... I GOTS MY DUTY...


OH! I'M SO ASHAMED!
DON'T... DON'T LOOK!
SHPSHPSHP
IT'S GOING TO BE SO LO-O-O-O-NG!!
KEEP IT LIKE A SECRET.
PAPERBAG
FWIP
SHNFF
SHP SHP
SHP SHP
SHP SHP

KTTTK
KTTTK
C'MON, C'MON!
SHP
SHP
SHP
GO! GO! GOOD JOB, HAIR!
KTTTK
KTTTK
KTTTK
KTTTK
...YES!!!
FWP
BETTER PLUG YOUR EARS, 'CAUSE I'M ABOUT TO PIPE THE CAPTAIN ABOARD..
..KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
BET. I'M WIT' IT.
PAPER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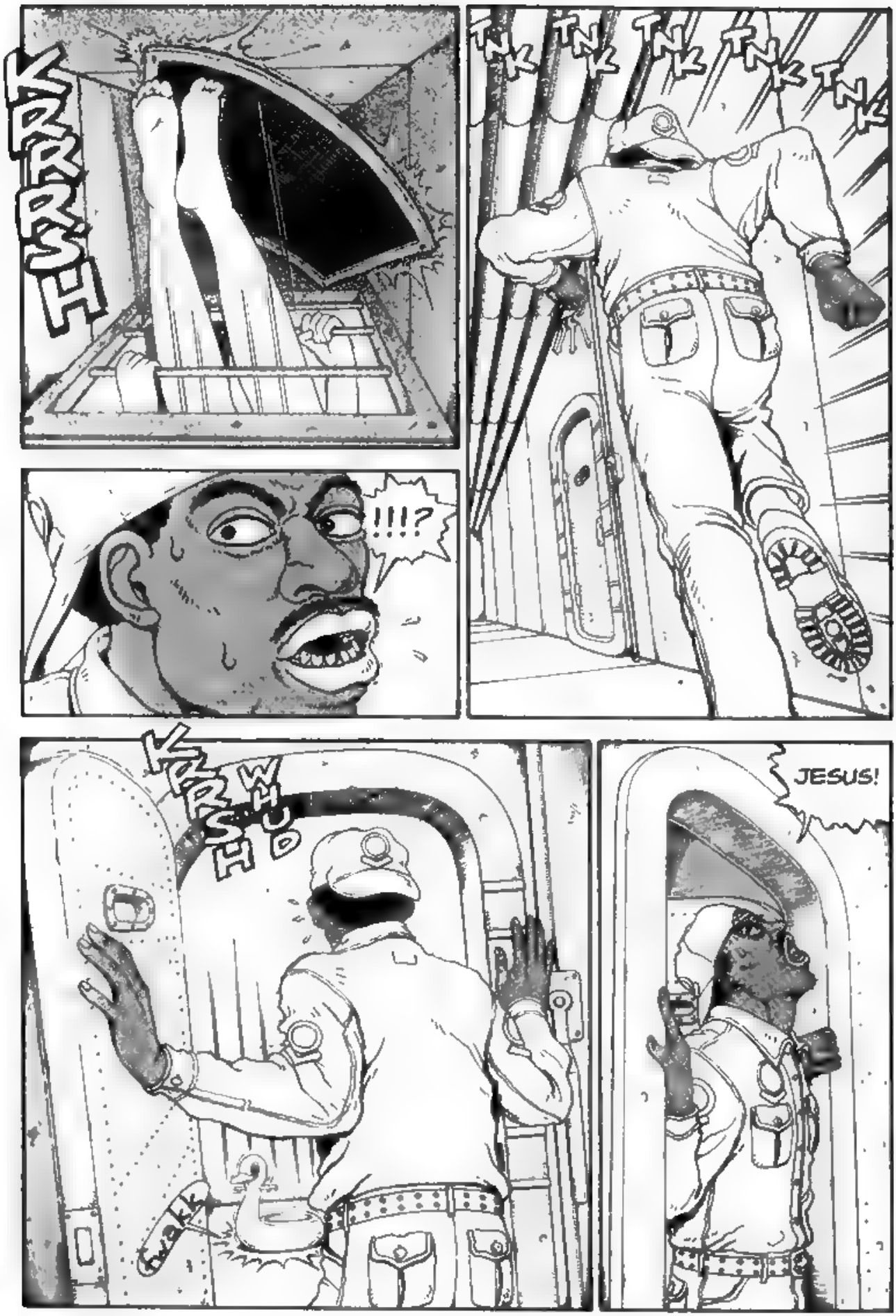
HA!
ONE... TWO...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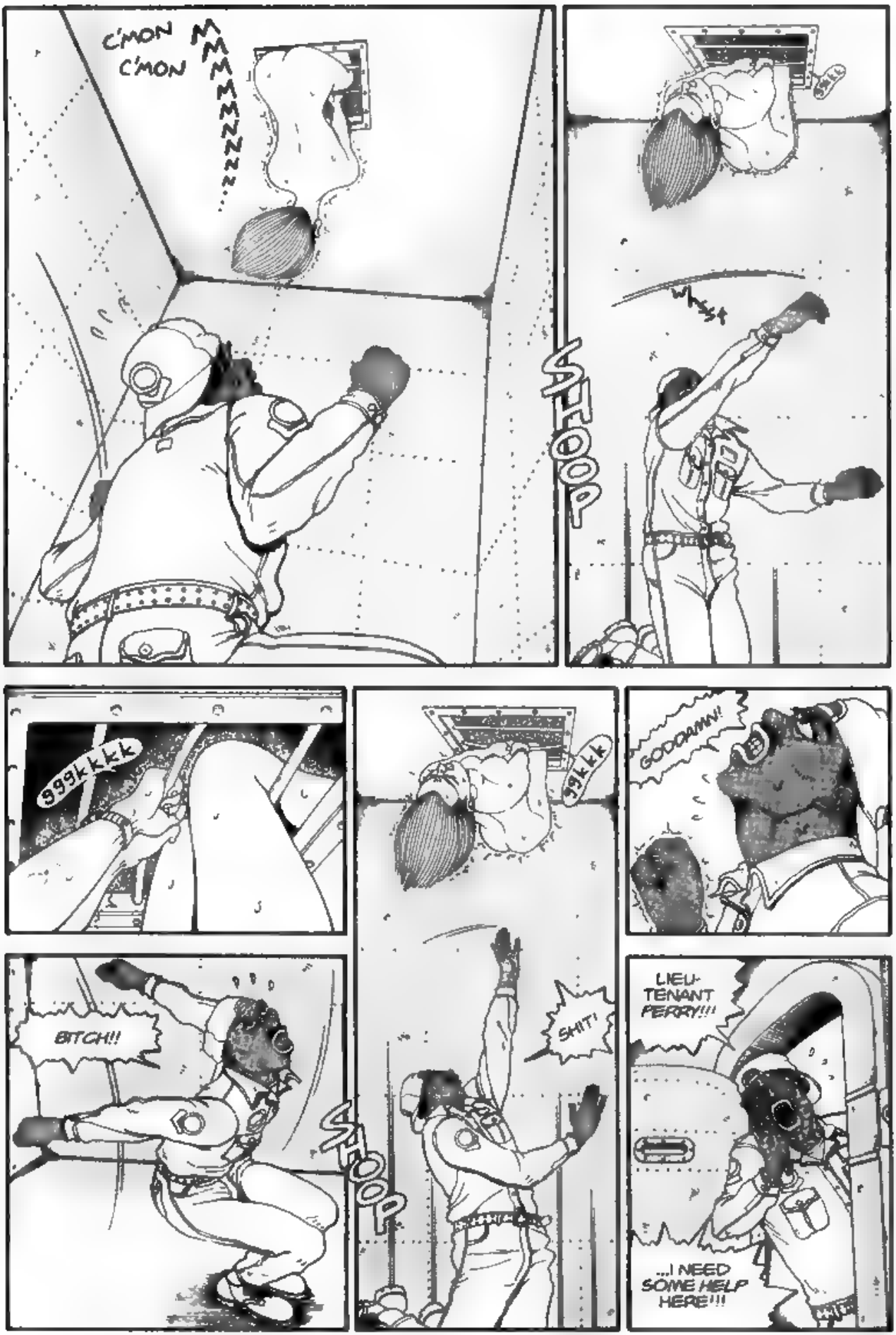
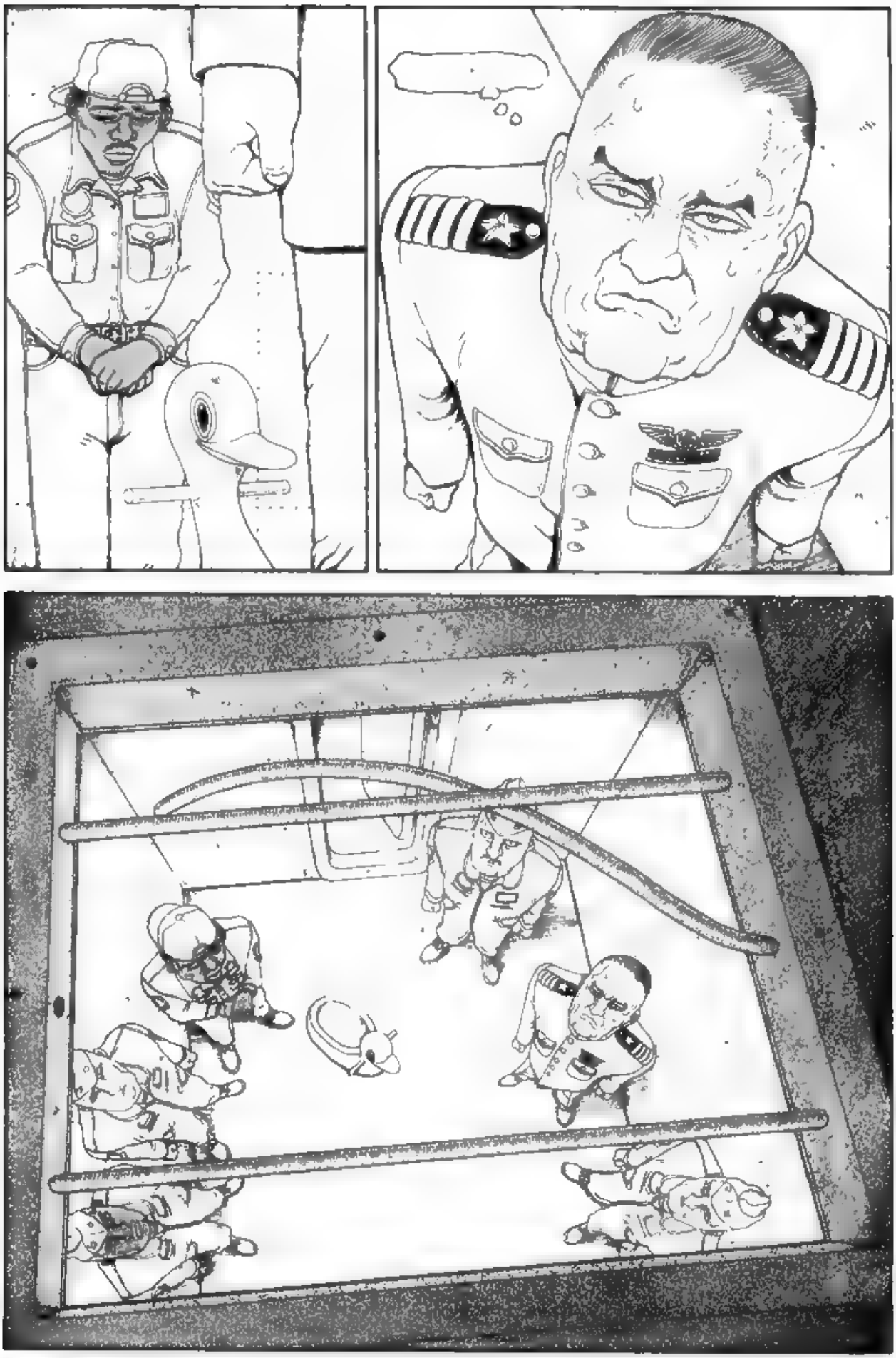
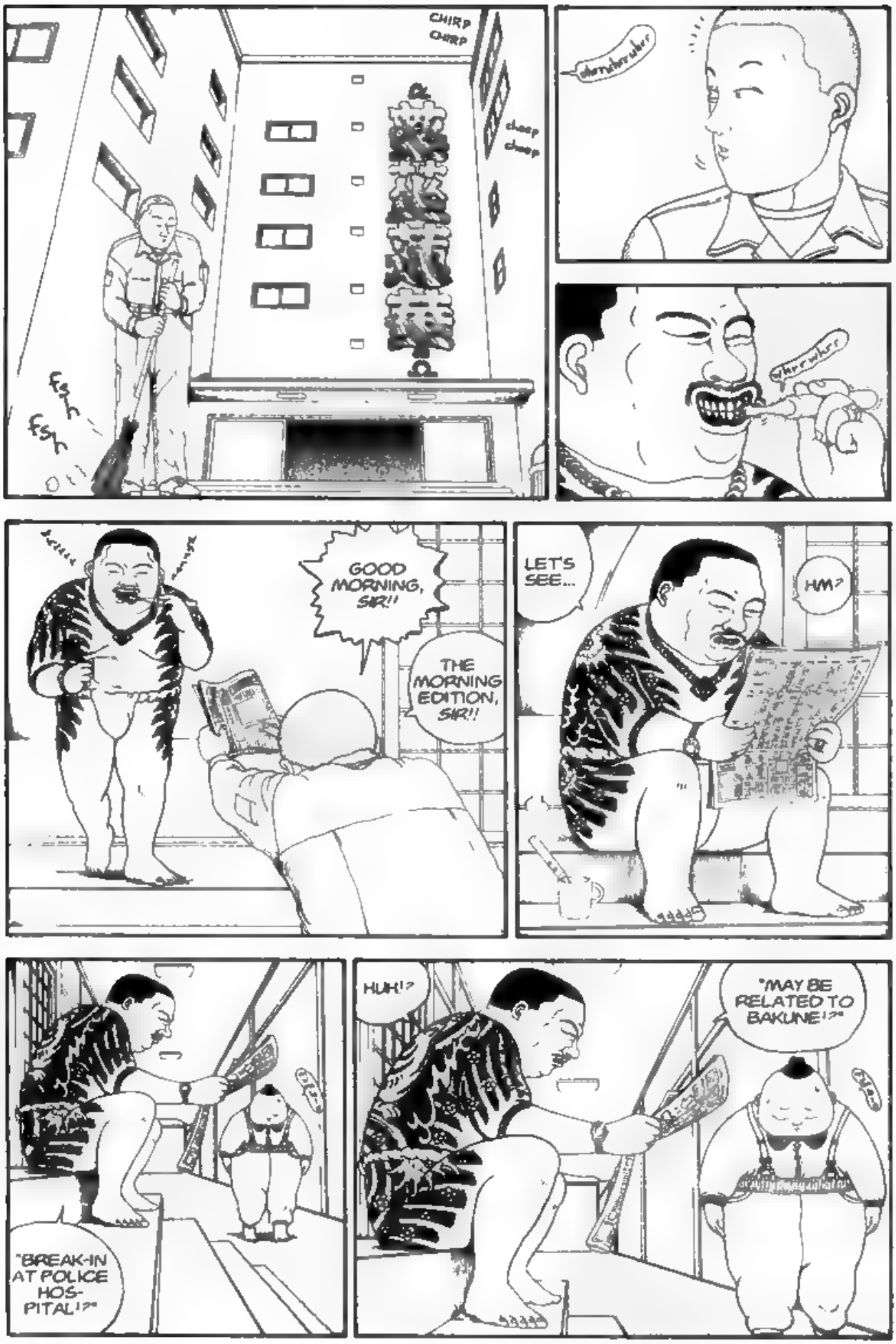
TNK TNK TNK TNK TNK
!!!?
KRRSH WHUD SH D
JESUS!
kwakk

oooooh
WHRRR!
AAAA

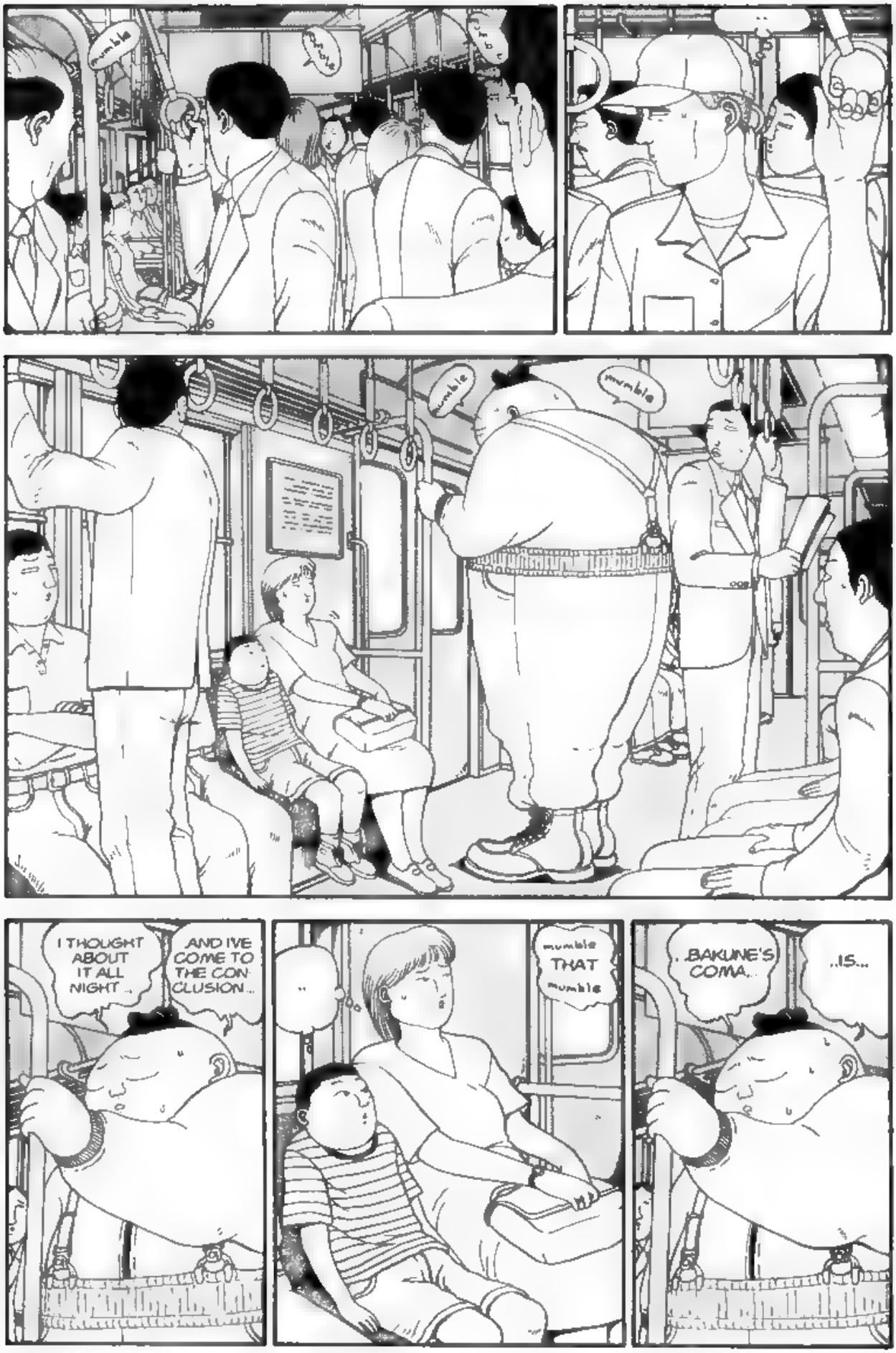

C'MON C'MON
MMMMZZZZ...
SHOOP
SKIK
WHSH
999KKKK
99KKK
GODDAMN!
BITCH!!
SHOOP
SHIT!
LIEU-TENANT PERRY!!!
...I NEED SOME HELP HERE!!!




CHIRP CHIRP
CHIRP CHIRP
FSHC FSHC
GOOD MORNING, SIR!!
THE MORNING EDITION, SIR!!
LET'S SEE...
HM?
HUH!?
"MAY BE RELATED TO BAKUNE!?"
"BREAK-IN AT POLICE HOS-PITAL!?"

siiiiiiiigh
YO, PURIMA!
SORRY FOR PICKIN' ON YOU YESTER-DAY.
siiiiiiiiiigh
GOOD MORNING, PURIMA.
HEY!!
U-UH...
ARE YOU GOING OUT?
I'M TALKIN' TO YOU!
OH, NO!
P-PURIMA!!

YOU DEAF, ASSHOLE?!
THOK
HUH?
IT'S MAME-TAN...
AND YO-SHIO...
OH... GOOD MOR-NING...
YOU BEEN IN A FUCKIN' DAZE SINCE YESTERDAY!!
HUH? ME? I'M FINE!
FWNG
I-I'M JIM DANDY!
B-BUT I HAVE TO GO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING... SO...
...A LITTLE SHOPPING...
...I THINK?
...
YOSHIO, TAIL 'IM.
Y-YESSIR!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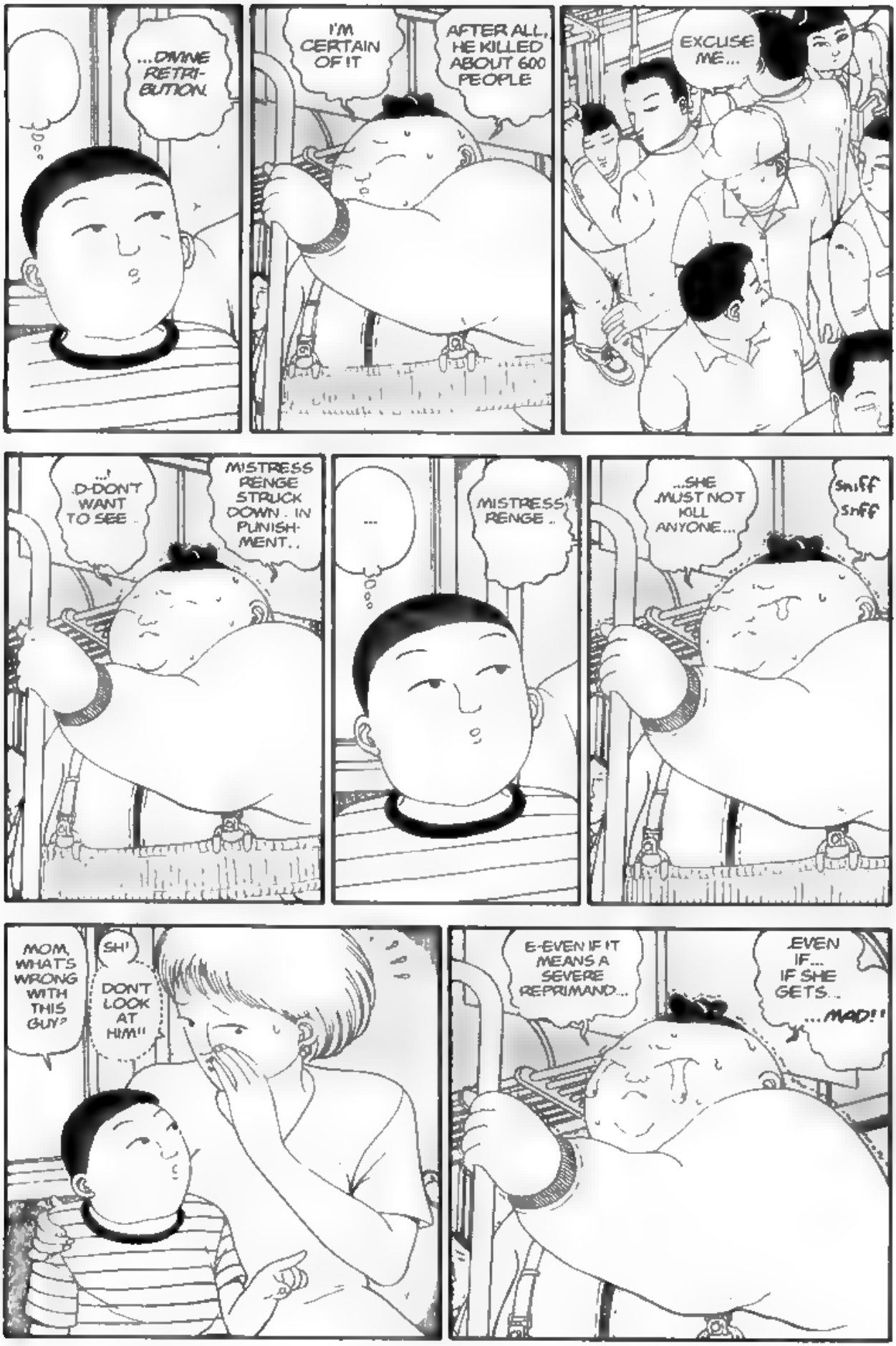
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT ALL NIGHT...
AND I'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION...
mumble THAT mumble
BAKUNE'S COMA...
...IS...


...DIVINE RETRI-BUTION.
I'M CERTAIN OF IT
AFTER ALL, HE KILLED ABOUT 600 PEOPLE
EXCUSE ME...
...! D-DON'T WANT TO SEE..
MISTRESS RENGE STRUCK DOWN. IN PUNISH-MENT..
...
MISTRESS RENGE..
..SHE MUST NOT KILL ANYONE...
sniff sniff
MOM, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS GUY?
SH! DON'T LOOK AT HIM!!
E-EVEN IF IT MEANS A SEVERE REPRIMAND...
EVEN IF... IF SHE GETS...
...MAD!!

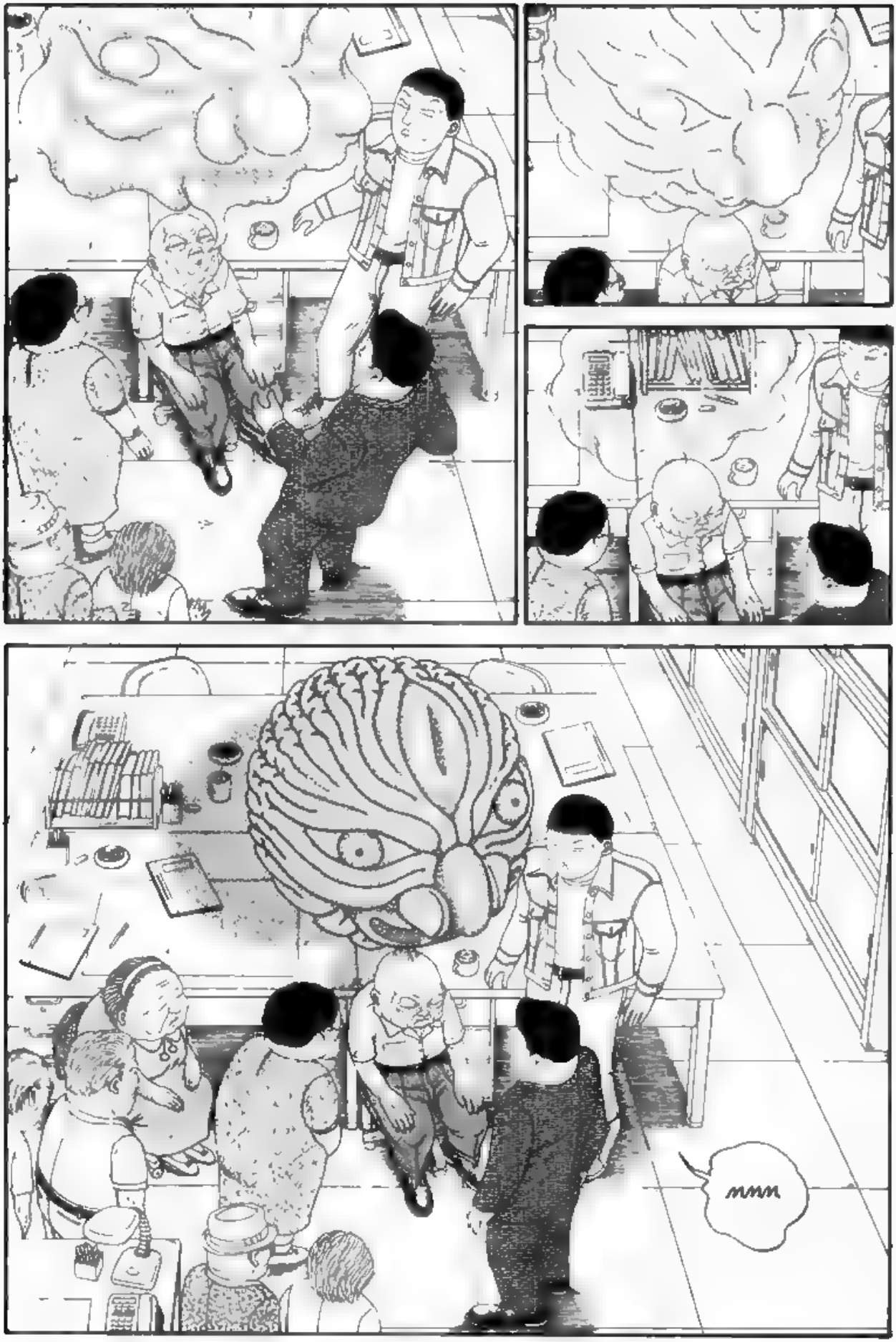
I MUST STOP HER!
I MUST SAVE HER FROM HERSELF!!
HE'S NUT-
SH!
HE'S DANGER OUS!!
YES... I BELIEVE I MUST...
HEY, YOSHIO...
SO, WHAT'S UP?
BASTARD STILL MUMBLIN'!?
mmmmm
mmmmm
AND NOW HE'S CRYIN' AND SHIT?
YES, I DON'T QUITE UNDER STAND WHAT HE'S SAYING...
...BUT IT SEEMS TO BE ABOUT MISTRESS RENGE..
SO IT IS HER...
STAY CLOSE, YOU HEAR!?

YES, IT'S REALLY A GREAT PLACE...
...SO WHAT DO YOU SAY, MS. MANE-SHINDA?
U-UM..
OF COURSE, IT'LL BE ON ME, SO...
HMMM...
I'LL SEE YOU THEN AT FIVE!
HEY, BOSS!!
CIAO
HEY,
TONIGHT, I'M...
NO TIME FOR LOVE, SIR. WE'VE GOT TROUBLE.
HUH? AREN'T THOSE...
YEP. THE OLD TOURISTS WHO WERE BAKUNE'S HOSTAGES IN OSAKA CASTLE.
HEY. HEY! AND LAST NIGHT'S BREAK-IN. YOU'RE NOT SAYING...
WELL THIS IS... DIFFERENT... BUT THEY'RE NOT... UN-RELATED.
HUH? I'M NOT GETTING YOU.

WHAT? A.. SHAMAN?
THAT'S RIGHT. THE OLD MAN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GROUP
OR AS THEY CALL HIM NOW.. OLD MAN KAWAMOTO
HE WAS JUST YOUR AVERAGE COOT. UNTIL ALL OF A SUDDEN, A MONTH AGO, HE STARTED FALLING INTO TRANCES.
..AND EVEN THOUGH HE'S NEVER BEEN NEAR BAKUNE'S HOSPITAL, THEIR MINDS STARTED COMMUNI-CATING.
..WELL, WAIT OK, BAKUNE'S BEEN IN A COMA, SO I GUESS HE ENTERED HIS UNCON-SCIOUS.
ANYWAY BAKUNE'S THOUGHTS . HIS WORDS. THEY THEY COME OUT OF KAWAMOTO AS IF HE'S POSSESSED.
..NOT "AS IF" HE IS POSSESSED.
BAKUNE'S SPEAKING THROUGH HIM? THAT'S ABSURD.
BESIDES, BAKUNE HAS NO THOUGHTS HE'S BRAIN DEAD. ALWAYS HAS BEEN.
LOOK, I DON'T BELIEVE IN ALL THAT STUFF EITHER.
BUT THESE OLD FOLKS KNOW THINGS ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S BREAK-IN... ..THAT WEREN'T MADE PUBLIC.
WHAT?
LIKE I SAID- HE'S POS-SESSED A SHAMAN.
SPEAK-ING WITH THE DEAD..
C'MON, MATSUDA. DON'T GET ALL OCCULT ON ME
H-HOW COULD THAT BE..?

WELL... WOULD YOU LIKE A DEMONSTRATION?
OH-KAY...
I'M SORRY... BUT COULD YOU DO THAT AGAIN?
VERY WELL.
HEY OLD MAN KAWAMOTO!
EHHH?
...
THE DETECTIVE HERE WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT BAKUNE!!
KATSU-DON, EHHH!
SHALL WE ORDER SOME KATSU-DON?
HEY!
I'M SORRY, HE'S A BIT SENILE.

AHH!
YOU SEE THAT!?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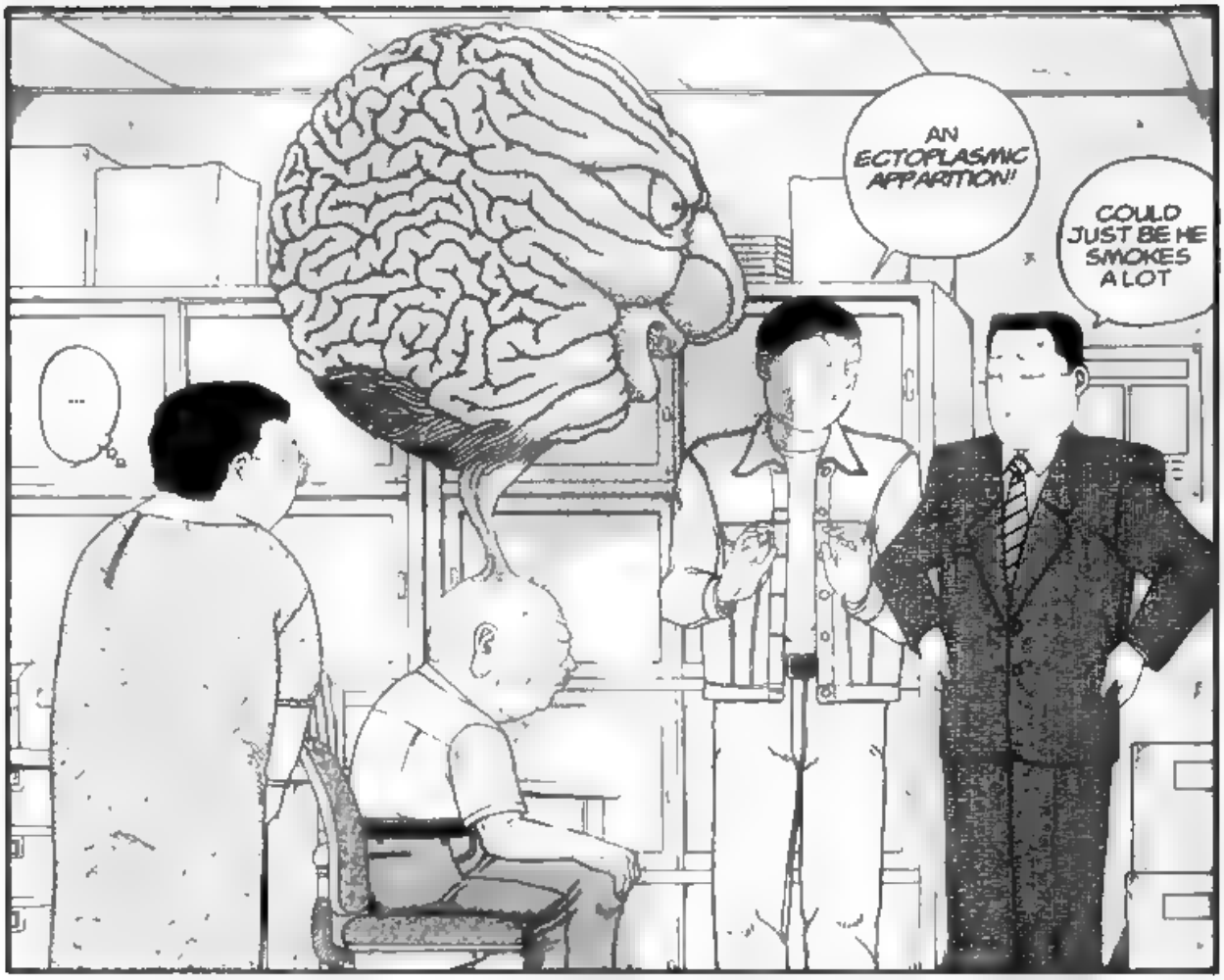
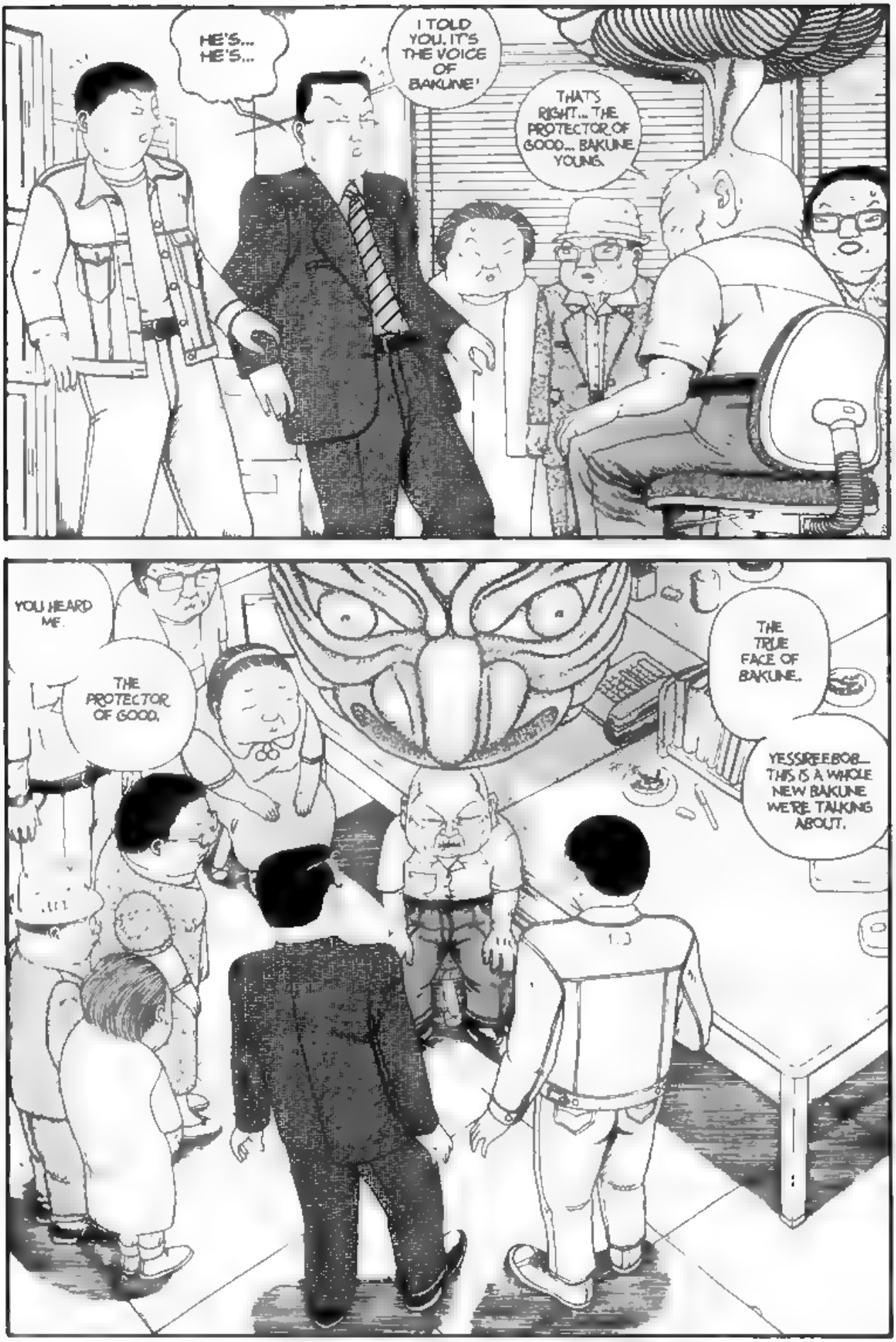
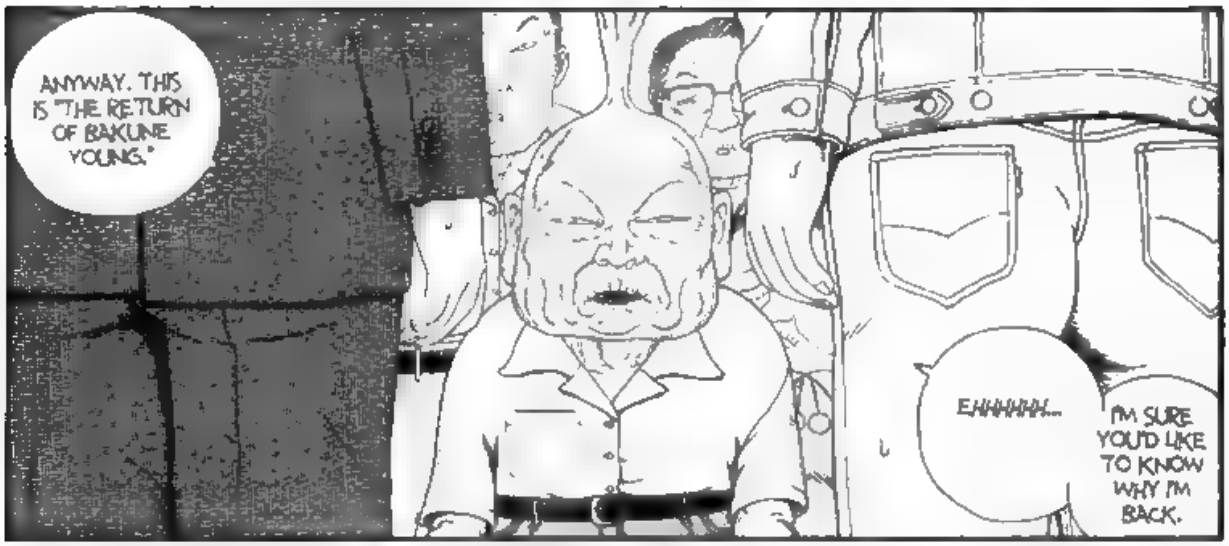
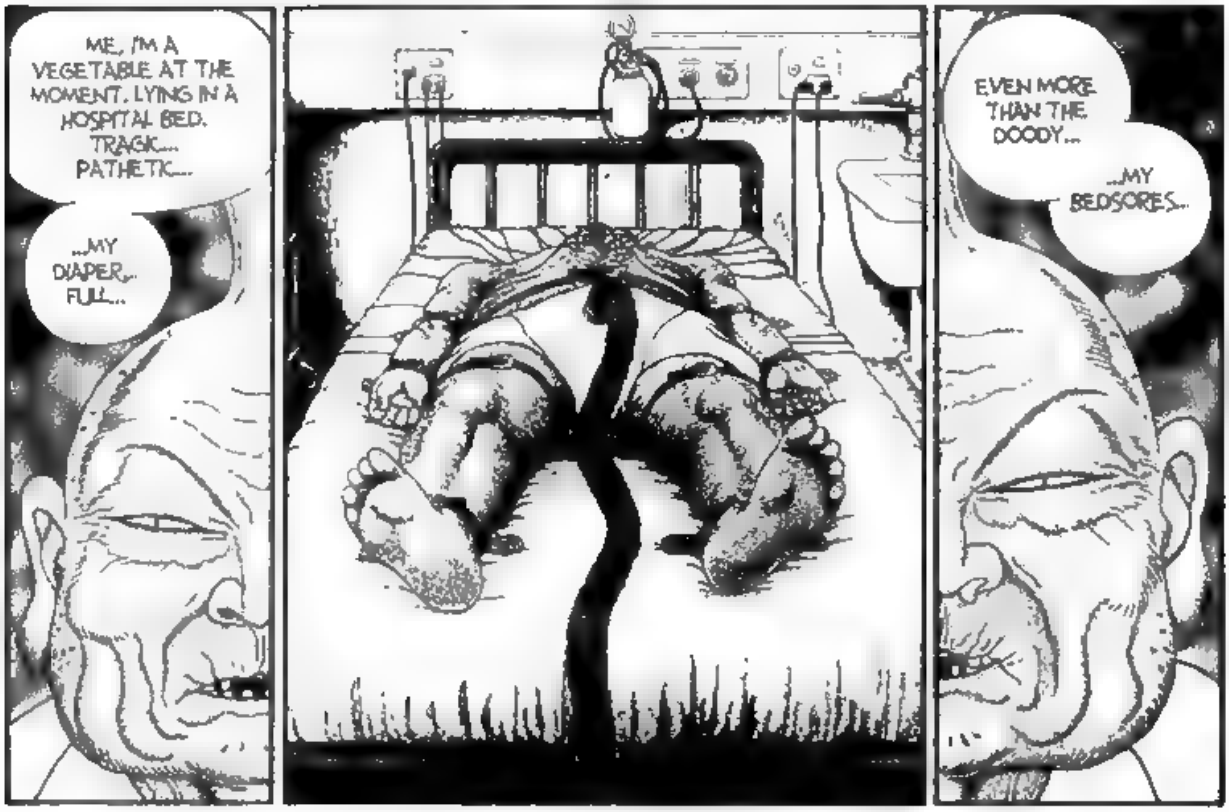

...
AN ECTOPLASMIC APPARITION!
COULD JUST BE HE SMOKES A LOT

WE HAVE NO CIGA-RETTES!!
O-OH... RIGHT...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
RECOGNIZE ME?

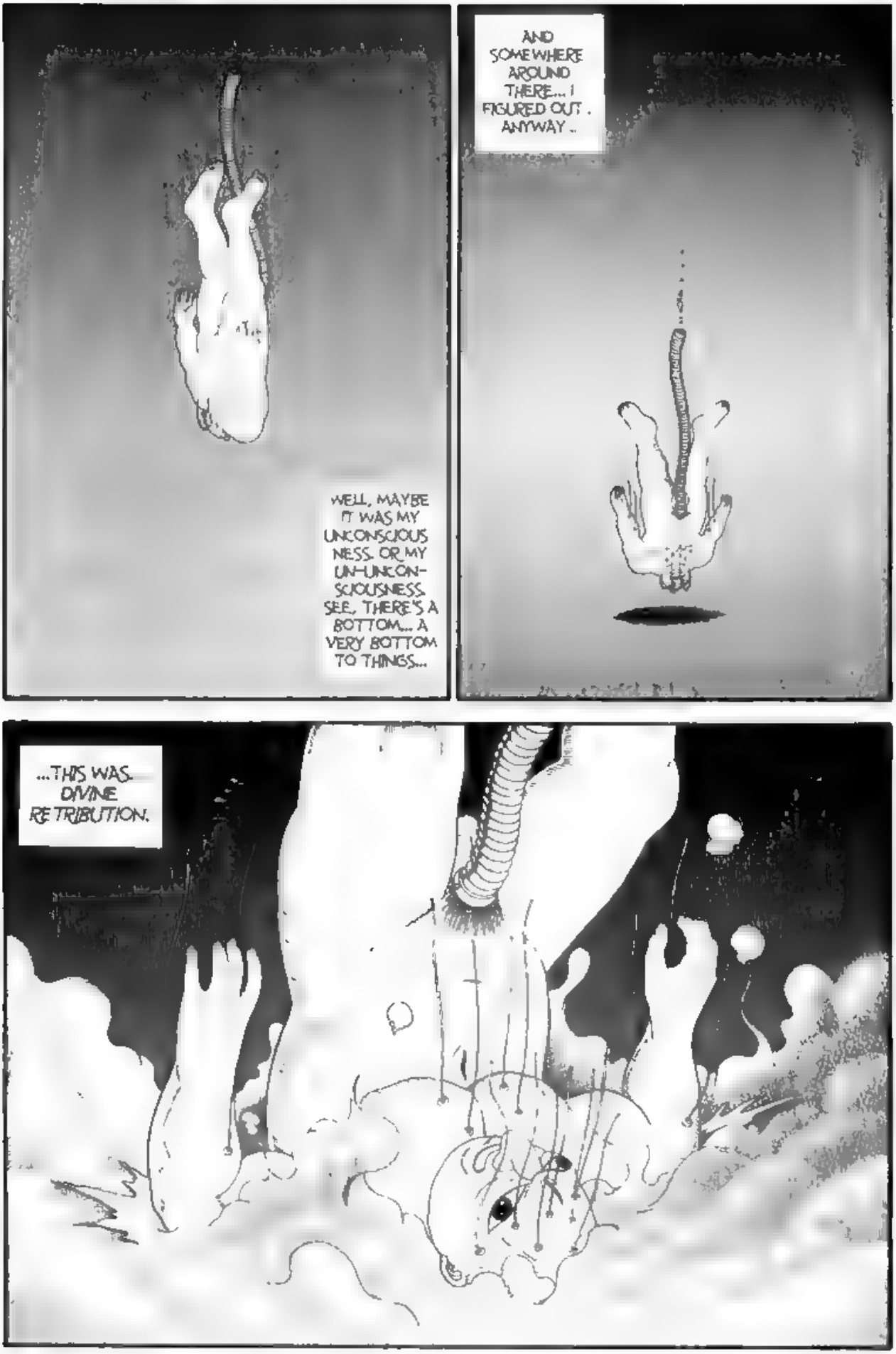

HE'S... HE'S...
I TOLD YOU, IT'S THE VOICE OF BAKUNE!
THAT'S RIGHT... THE PROTECTOR OF GOOD... BAKUNE YOUNG.
YOU HEARD ME.
THE PROTECTOR OF GOOD.
THE TRUE FACE OF BAKUNE.
YESSIREE BOB... THIS IS A WHOLE NEW BAKUNE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.


ANYWAY. THIS IS "THE RETURN OF BAKUNE YOUNG."
EHHHHH...
I'M SURE YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY I'M BACK.

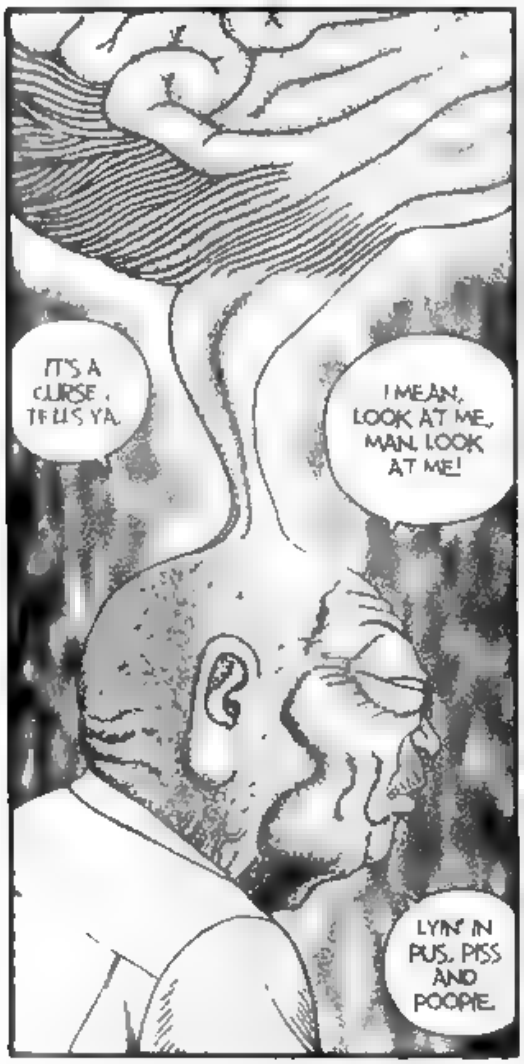

ME, I'M A VEGETABLE AT THE MOMENT. LYING IN A HOSPITAL BED. TRAGIC... PATHETIC...
...MY DIAPER... FULL...
EVEN MORE THAN THE DOODY...
...MY BEDSORES...

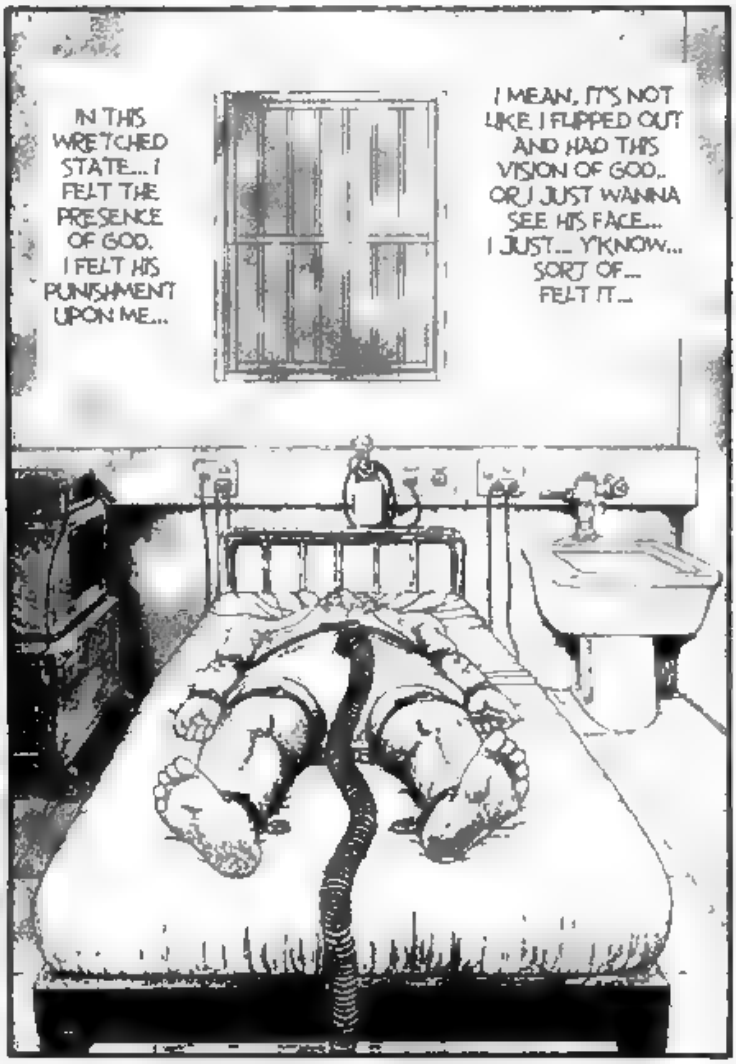
OH... MY ASS IS SAGGIN' FROM THEM... IT HURTS REAL BAD...
UH...
THERE'S NO CURE FOR IT, NEITHER, YOU KNOW THE NURSES DRY ME OUT ON SUNNY DAYS?
FUCKIN' PATHETIC, MAN.
...

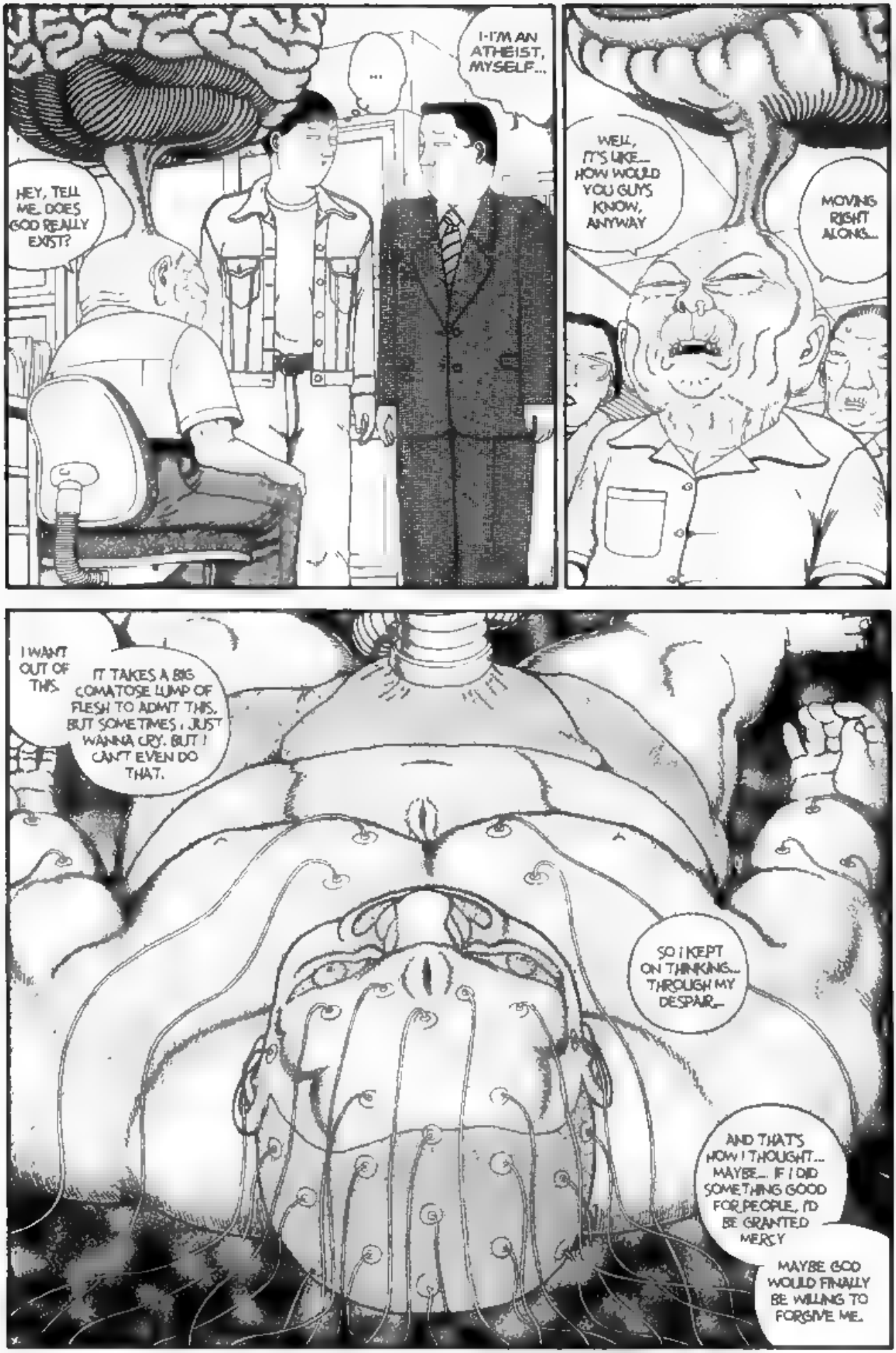
WHERE WAS I... / THOUGHT ABOUT HOW I ENDED UP LIKE THIS. OKAY?
ABOUT WHY I DIDN'T DIE... NO... WHY I COULDN'T DIE. I MEAN, A SWORD WENT THROUGH MY HEAD AND SHIT.
THE DOCTORS SAID I HAD NO CONSCIOUSNESS. BUT I DID.
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A REAL... REAL... REAL LONG TIME... I WAS IN A COMA... BUT I COULD STILL THINK.

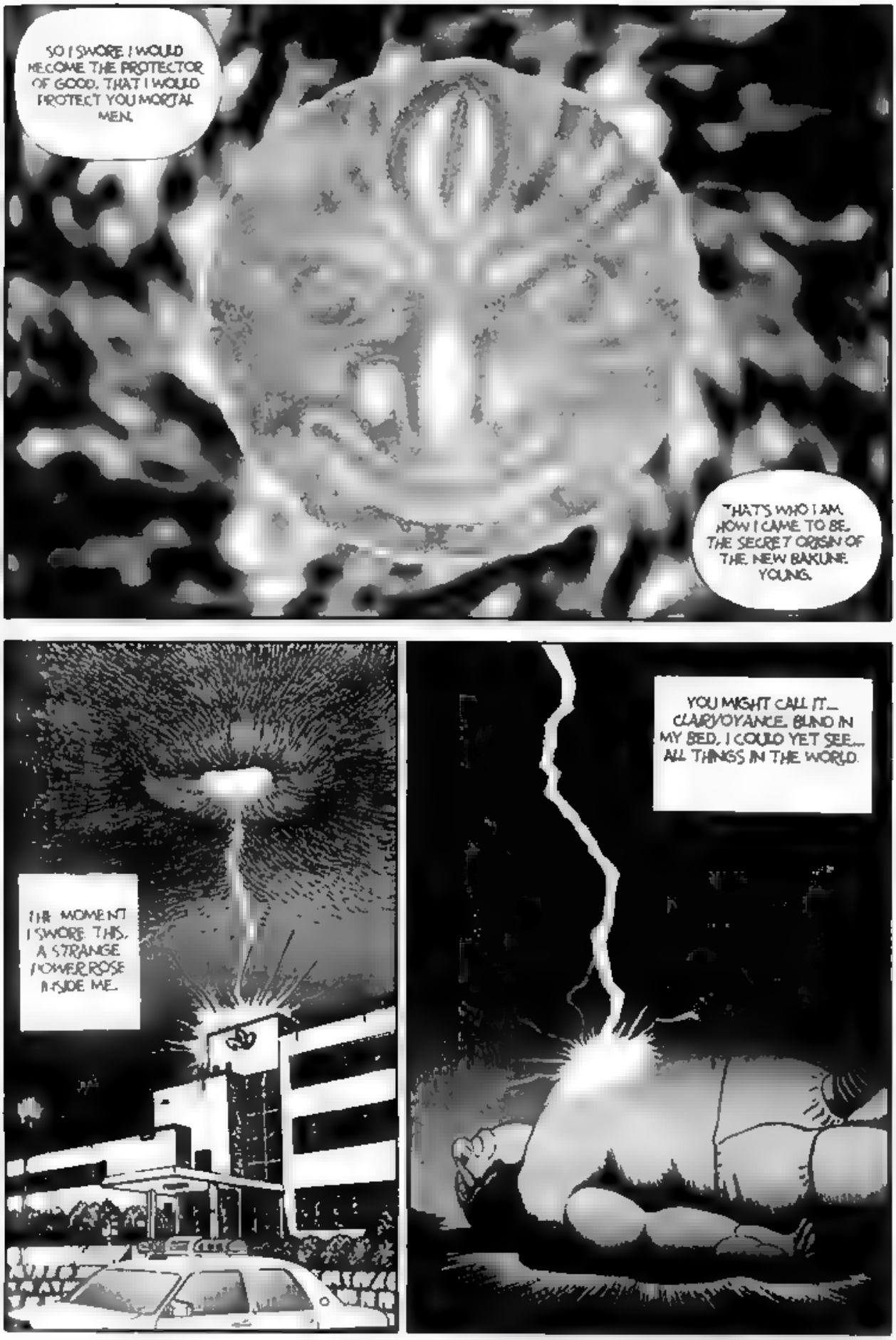

WELL, MAYBE IT WAS MY UNCONSCIOUS NESS. OR MY UN-UNCON-SCIOUSNESS. SEE, THERE'S A BOTTOM... A VERY BOTTOM TO THINGS...
AND SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE... I FIGURED OUT . ANYWAY ..
...THIS WAS DIVINE RETRIBUTION.

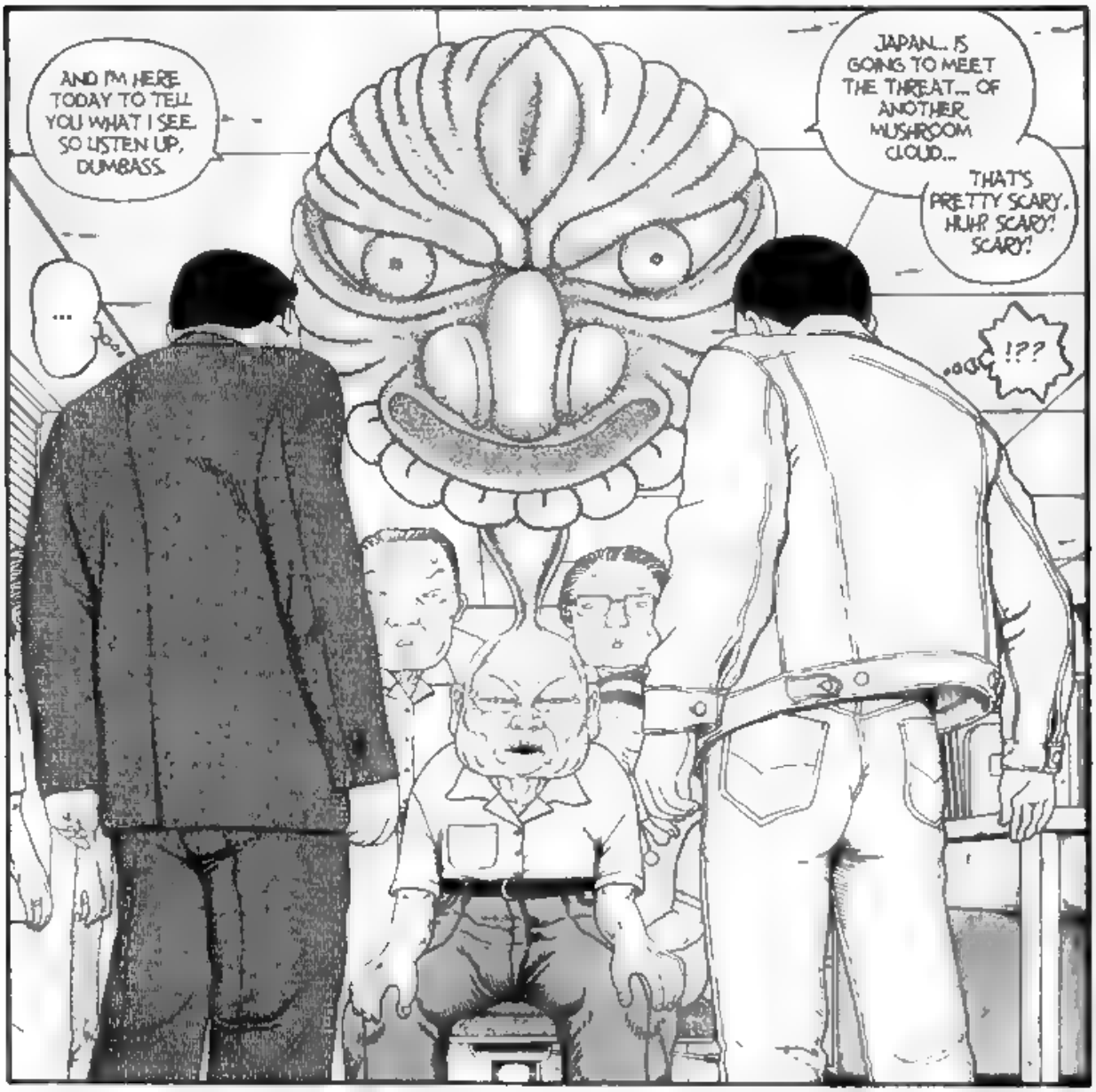
I MEAN, KILLED SIX HUNDRED PEEPS. YOU KNOW HOW MANY THAT IS?
YOU'RE DEAD!
IT'S LIKE, YOU GOTTA COUNT ON YOUR HANDS EIGHTY TIMES THEN ON YOUR FEET THIRTY NINE TIMES. THEN YOU GOTTA TAKE DOWN YOUR PANTS.
AND EVEN THEN, YOU GOTTA COUNT YOUR BALLS TWICE. MY CRIMES WERE MYRIAD.
SLISH
THE CROOKS WHO GOT SHANKED OR SHOT THEY PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES. THEY'RE DEAD. IT'S OVER.
BUT ME? NO MATTER WHAT, I COULDN'T DIE.


IT'S A CURSE, TELLS YA.
I MEAN, LOOK AT ME, MAN. LOOK AT ME!
LYIN' IN PUS, PISS AND POOPIE.

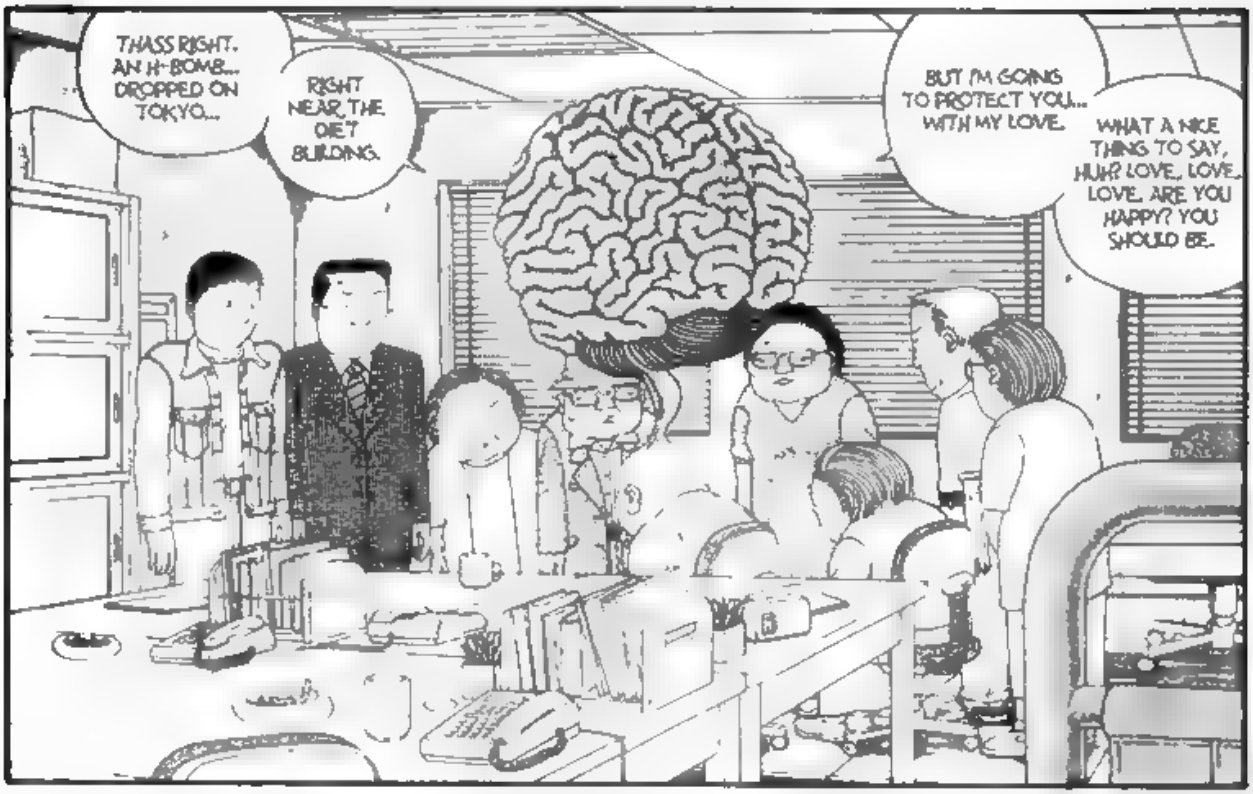

IN THIS WRETCHED STATE... I FELT THE PRESENCE OF GOD. I FELT HIS PUNISHMENT UPON ME...
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I FLIPPED OUT AND HAD THIS VISION OF GOD.. OR, I JUST WANNA SEE HIS FACE... I JUST... Y'KNOW... SORT OF... FELT IT...


HEY, TELL ME. DOES GOD REALLY EXIST?
...
I-I'M AN ATHEIST, MYSELF...
WELL, IT'S LIKE... HOW WOULD YOU GUYS KNOW, ANYWAY
MOVING RIGHT ALONG...
I WANT OUT OF THIS.
IT TAKES A BIG COMATOSE LUMP OF FLESH TO ADMIT THIS, BUT SOMETIMES, JUST WANNA CRY. BUT I CAN'T EVEN DO THAT.
SO I KEPT ON THINKING... THROUGH MY DESPAIR...
AND THAT'S HOW I THOUGHT... MAYBE... IF I DID SOMETHING GOOD FOR PEOPLE, I'D BE GRANTED MERCY
MAYBE GOD WOULD FINALLY BE WILLING TO FORGIVE ME.

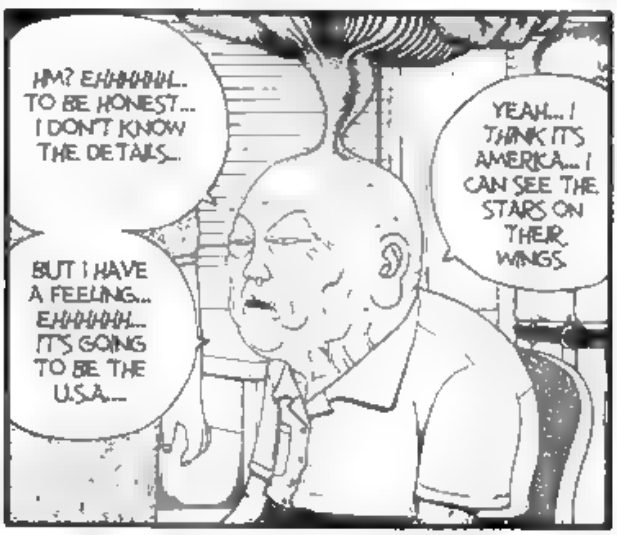

SO I SWORE I WOULD BECOME THE PROTECTOR OF GOOD, THAT I WOULD PROTECT YOU MORTAL MEN.
THAT'S WHO I AM. HOW I CAME TO BE. THE SECRET ORIGIN OF THE NEW BAKUNE YOUNG.
THE MOMENT I SWORE THIS, A STRANGE POWER ROSE INSIDE ME.
YOU MIGHT CALL IT... CLAIRVOYANCE. BLIND IN MY BED, I COULD YET SEE... ALL THINGS IN THE WORLD.

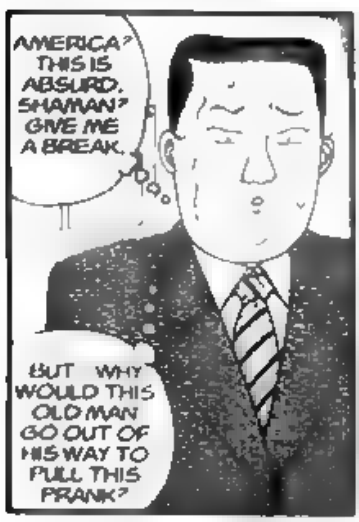

AND I'M HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU WHAT I SEE. SO LISTEN UP, DUMBASS.
...
JAPAN... IS GOING TO MEET THE THREAT... OF ANOTHER MUSHROOM CLOUD...
THAT'S PRETTY SCARY. HUH? SCARY! SCARY!
...!??

MUSHROOM CLOUD... MEANING...?
...A NUCLEAR BOMB!?
IMPOSSIBLE.


THASS RIGHT. AN H-BOMB... DROPPED ON TOKYO...
RIGHT NEAR THE DIET BUILDING.
BUT I'M GOING TO PROTECT YOU... WITH MY LOVE.
WHAT A NICE THING TO SAY, HUH? LOVE, LOVE, LOVE. ARE YOU HAPPY? YOU SHOULD BE.

AN H-BOMB...? WHAT COUNTRY WOULD DO THAT?
ASK HIM...
MAYBE THE NORTH-


HM? EHHHHHH... TO BE HONEST... I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS...
BUT I HAVE A FEELING... EHHHHHH... IT'S GOING TO BE THE U.S.A...
YEAH... I THINK IT'S AMERICA... I CAN SEE THE STARS ON THEIR WINGS


AMERICA? THIS IS ABSURD, SHAMAN? GIVE ME A BREAK.
BUT WHY WOULD THIS OLD MAN GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO PULL THIS PRANK?

COME ON. WHY WOULD THEY ATTACK THE VERY COUNTRY WHERE THEY'VE GOT ALL THEIR MILITARY BASES?
TRUE, TRUE

THANK YOU... FOR SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US.
WHY DON'T WE CALL IT A DAY FOR NOW
LET'S MEET AGAIN SOME-TIME
YES..
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE HIM, DO YOU?!
O-OH, NO...
...THAT'S NOT IT...
L-LET 'M BE...
THEY'RE BUSY, THEY SAID THEY'LL SEE US AGAIN!!
BUT...
...
TH-THANK YOU FOR LIST-ENING...
...
NO PROB-LEM...
OH...
WAIT!!

LET'S GO! QUICK!!
HEY! YOU BETTER LISTEN TO ME!!
HEY, LEGGO!
MUSH-ROOM CLOUD!
DAMN IT! 'SHROOM, I TELLS YA!
1ST DIVISION
NOT FOR YOUR SAKE...
...BUT FOR MINE!!
1ST DIVISION
LEMME PROTECT JAPAN!!
HEY, YOUUUUU!!!
WHEW.
THEY SAY THE TURN OF THE CEN-TURY...
...ALWAYS BRINGS OUT THE PSYCHO-TICS.

...
mumble mumble
YES. HE'S IN FRONT OF THE POLICE STATION RIGHT NOW...
NO...HE'S HEADING TOWARDS THE ENTRANCE.
WHAT? DON'T TELL ME..
HE'S GOING IN?
YES..HE'S SPEAKING TO SOMEONE AT THE DOOR..
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
OH NO!!
HE'S INSIDE NOW.
IS THAT ALRIGHT..?

SHIT. NOTHING WE CAN DO. JUST STAY THERE. MAKE SURE THE COPS DON'T FIND YOU.
YES, SIR.
...
OSAKA P.D. - WE'RE HIRING!
LOUSY PIGS!!
I'M ON THE SIDE OF GOOD NOW!!
FORGET THEM COPPERS!
...
I'LL DO IT MYSELF!!
I'LL PROTECT JAPAN... WITH MY LOVE!!
YOU GOT THAT!?
YES, YES... NOW... SHHH... LET'S USE OUR INSIDE VOICE...
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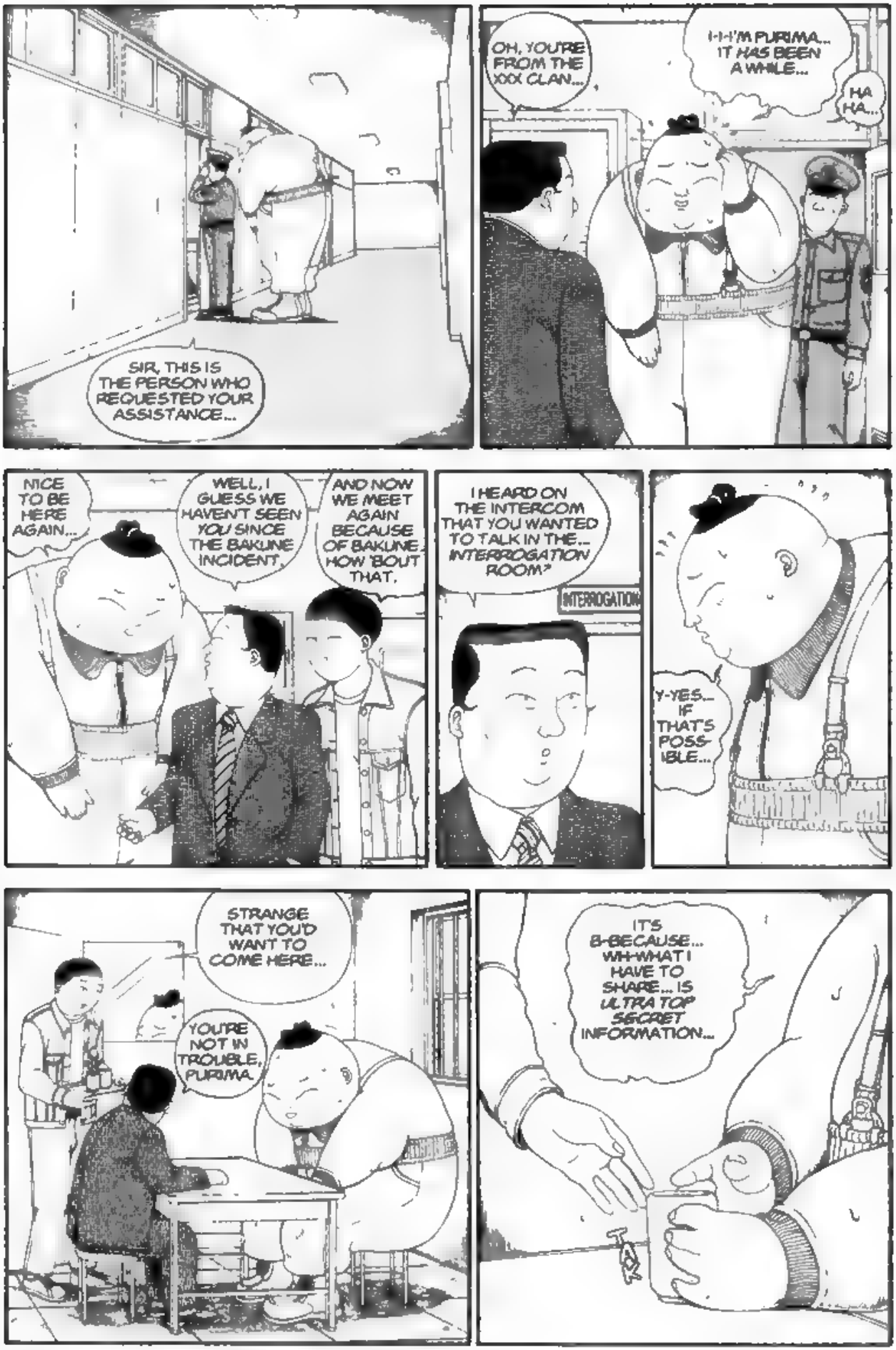
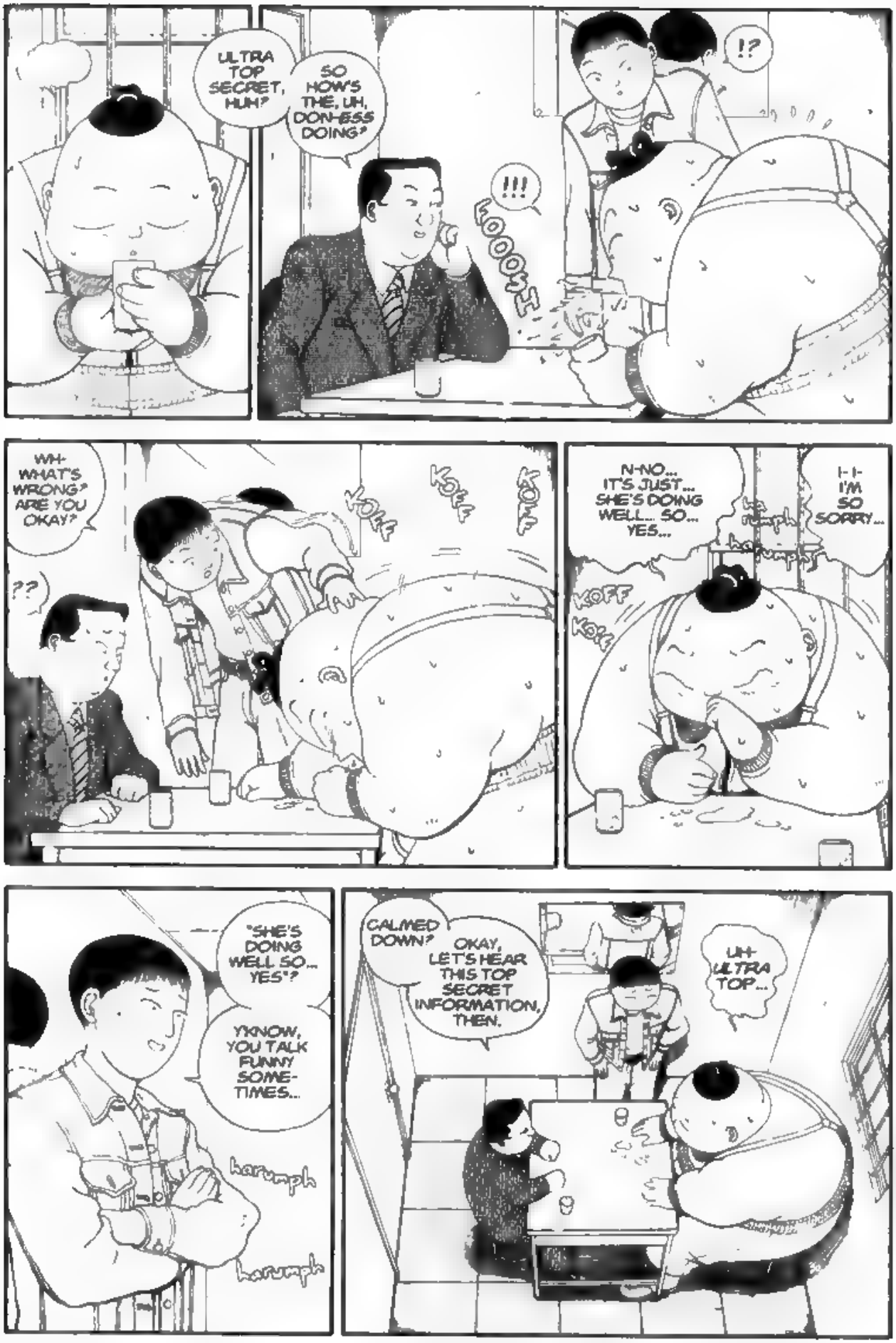
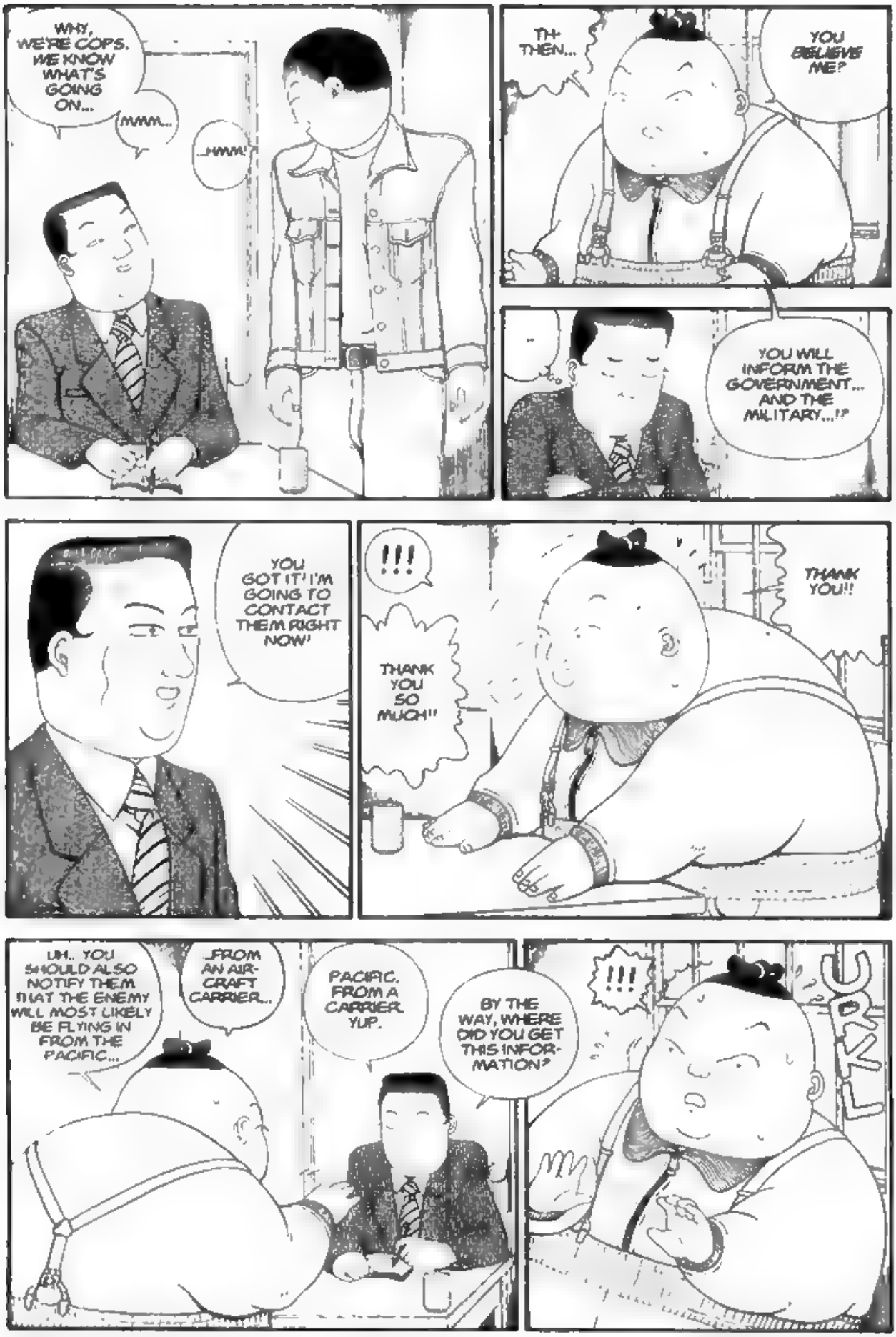
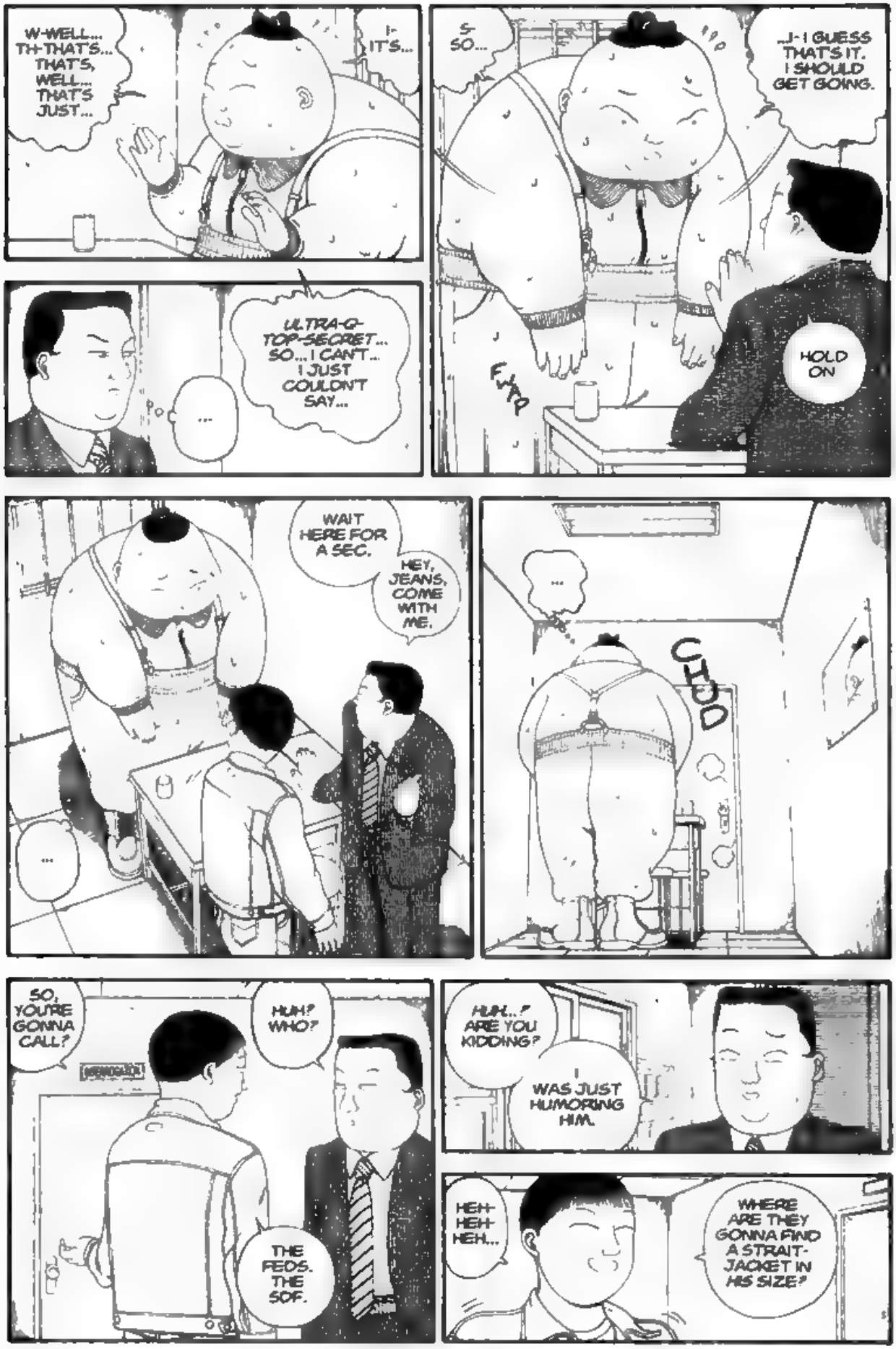

SIR, THIS IS THE PERSON WHO REQUESTED YOUR ASSISTANCE...
OH, YOU'RE FROM THE XXX CLAN...
I-I-I'M PURIMA... IT *HAS* BEEN A WHILE...
HA HA...
NICE TO BE HERE AGAIN...
WELL, I GUESS WE HAVEN'T SEEN *YOU* SINCE THE BAKUNE INCIDENT.
AND NOW WE MEET AGAIN BECAUSE OF BAKUNE. HOW 'BOUT THAT.
I HEARD ON THE INTERCOM THAT YOU WANTED TO TALK IN THE... *INTERROGATION ROOM?*
INTERROGATION
Y-YES... IF THAT'S POSS-IBLE...
STRANGE THAT YOU'D WANT TO COME HERE...
YOU'RE NOT IN TROUBLE, PURIMA.
IT'S B-BECAUSE... WH-WHAT I HAVE TO SHARE... IS *ULTRA TOP SECRET* INFORMATION...


ULTRA TOP SECRET, HUH?
SO HOW'S THE, UH, DON-ESS DOING?
!?
!!!
kooosh
WH- WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU OKAY?
??
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF
N-NO... IT'S JUST... SHE'S DOING WELL... SO... YES...
I-I- I'M SO SORRY...
KOFF
KOFF
harumph
harumph
"SHE'S DOING WELL SO... YES"?
YKNOW, YOU TALK FUNNY SOME-TIMES...
harumph
harumph
CALMED DOWN?
OKAY, LET'S HEAR THIS TOP SECRET INFORMATION, THEN.
UH- ULTRA TOP...

WHAT? THE U.S. NAVY'S GOING TO BOMB THE DIET BUILDING?
THAT'S RIGHT. I WANT TO SAVE JAPAN FROM THIS DANGER!!
...
B-BUT...
BUT I'M POWERLESS. I HAVE NO CONNECTIONS. NO ONE BELIEVES ME... SO... SO I FIGURED...
...CALL THE COPS!!
YOU CAN LET THE SELF DEFENSE FORCES KNOW!! SIR! I AM FORMALLY REQUESTING THAT JAPAN BE PROTECTED!!
YOU HEAR THAT? WHAT DO WE DO?
ANOTHER MILLENIUM FREAK, HUH?
hee hee
TH-THAT'S RIGHT...
I AM TERRIBLY FREAKED OUT RIGHT NOW.
OF COURSE...
WE WOULDN'T WANT A MUSHROOM CLOUD.
WHAT!? HOW DID YOU KNOW!?
I-I NEVER MENTIONED A... MUSHROOM CLOUD...


WHY, WE'RE COPS. WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...
MMM...
...HMM
TH-THEN...
YOU BELIEVE ME?
YOU WILL INFORM THE GOVERNMENT... AND THE MILITARY...!?
YOU GOT IT! I'M GOING TO CONTACT THEM RIGHT NOW!
!!!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
THANK YOU!!
UH.. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTIFY THEM THAT THE ENEMY WILL MOST LIKELY BE FLYING IN FROM THE PACIFIC...
...FROM AN AIR-CRAFT CARRIER...
PACIFIC. FROM A CARRIER. YUP.
BY THE WAY, WHERE DID YOU GET THIS INFOR-MATION?
!!!
LKC

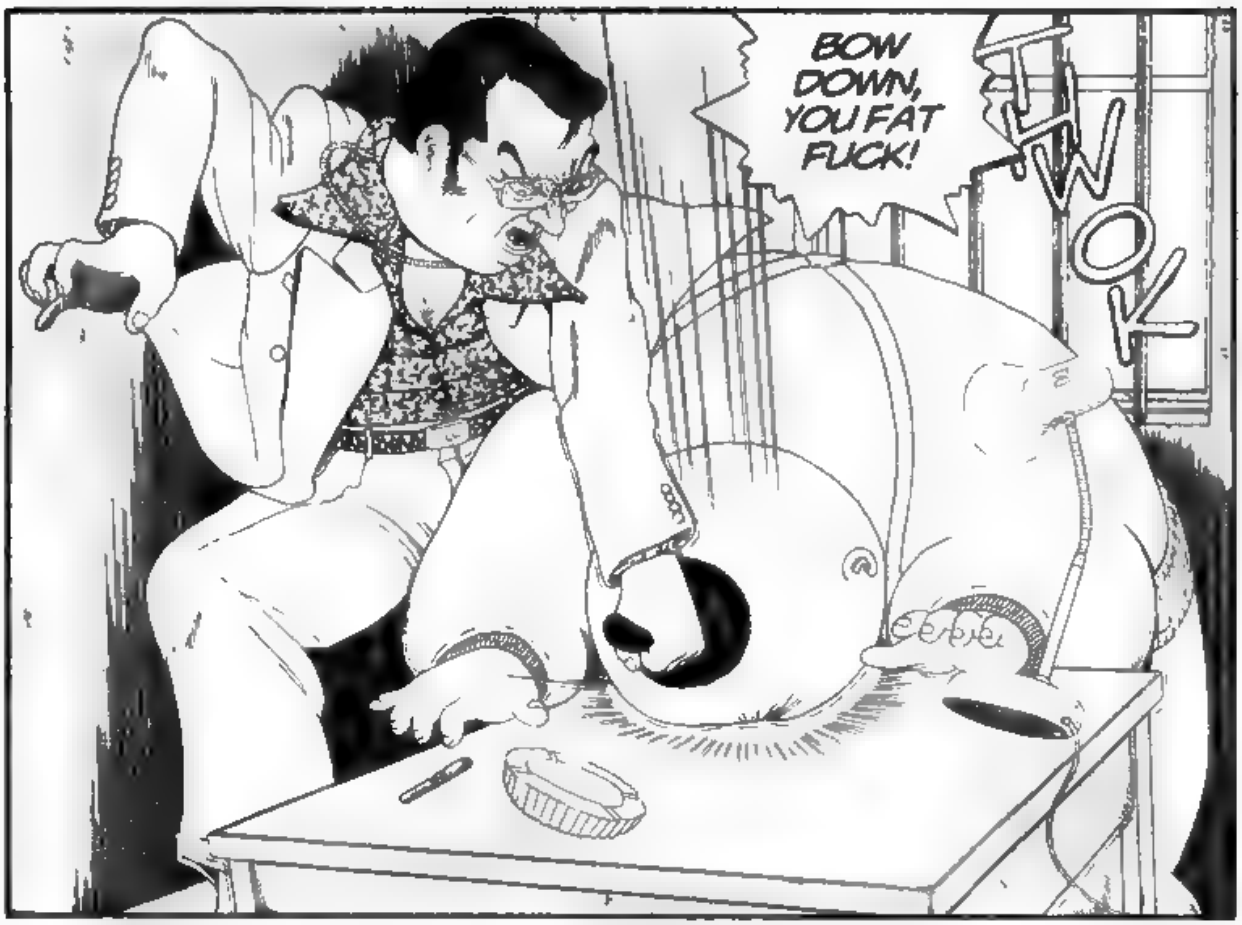

W-WELL... TH-THAT'S... THAT'S, WELL... THAT'S JUST...
I- IT'S...
S- SO...
..J-I GUESS THAT'S IT. I SHOULD GET GOING.
HOLD ON
FUTA
ULTRA-Q-TOP-SECRET... SO... I CAN'T... I JUST COULDN'T SAY...
...
WAIT HERE FOR A SEC.
HEY, JEANS, COME WITH ME.
...
...
CHOO
SO, YOU'RE GONNA CALL?
HUH? WHO?
THE FEDS. THE SDF.
HUH...? ARE YOU KIDDING?
I WAS JUST HUMORING HIM.
HEH-HEH-HEH...
WHERE ARE THEY GONNA FIND A STRAIT-JACKET IN HIS SIZE?

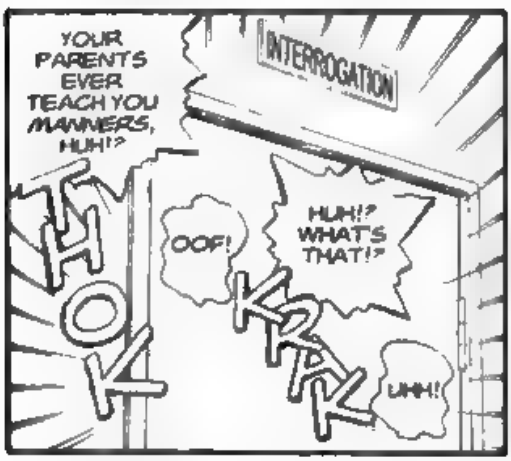
YEAH, BUT EVEN SO... DON'T YOU THINK THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON?
LIKE WHAT?
HE LOOKS ALL INNOCENT, BUT HE'S STILL HARDCORE YAKUZA.
MAYBE THIS IS PART OF SOME SCHEME...
IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE TO CONTACT 4TH DIVISION FOR ALL YAKUZA-RELATED MATTERS...
YOU'RE GOING TO HAND HIM OVER TO... 4TH DIVISION!?
4TH DIVISION
...
NEH-NEH... YOU GUYS...

Chief of 4th Division
Osaka Police H Q.
...
Superintendent
Shingo Yamashiro
I SEE XXX CLAN'S EATIN' WELL.
I THOUGHT YOU YAKUZA WERE SPOSED TO BE LOYAL...
HUH?

IF YOU'RE GONNA DROP THE DIME... WHY TELL FIRST DIVISION, HUH?
...
YOU SHOULDDA COME T' US!
HUH!?
OH!!!
I-I'M SO SORRY...
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...
...
YOU GOTTA HAVE THE PROPER ETIQUETTE... NOW, THE OLD DON, HE SHOWED RESPECT.
EVEN THOUGH HE CLIMED T' DA SUMMIT A' THE SEWER... HE WAS NEVER TOO HIGH IN THE UNDER-WORLD... THAT HE COULDN'T BOW DOWN T' US.
HE WAS A REAL MENSCH, YKNOW?
Y-YES.. THE LATE DON KUSURIZA THE THIRD WAS A MAGNIFICENT MAN...
OUCH...

BUT THE FOURTH AND HER FLUNKIES ARE TRASH.
FAMILY'S GOOD AN' ALL, BUT...
MAYBE IT WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A WOMAN TAKE AFTER THE DON?
...?
WHAT? WHAT ABOUT MISTRESS RENGE...?
YOU KNOW HOW SHE TREATS US, THAT BITCH...?
??
WHEN WE CROSS HER PATH, THE BITCH GIVES US THE COLD SHOULDER.
BITCH. SHE'S SNICKERIN'. LOOKIN' DOWN AT US LIKE WE'RE A BUNCH A' SQUIRMIN' MAGGOTS..
!!!
GIRL... YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE.


BOW DOWN, YOU FAT FUCK!
THOK


YOUR PARENTS EVER TEACH YOU MANNERS, HUH!?
INTERROGATION
THOK
OOF!
HUH!? WHAT'S THAT!?
KRAK
UHH!!

WHAT'S THAT?!
THOK
WHUMP
AIEEEE
HEY, TATSU... ISN'T THIS A BIT...

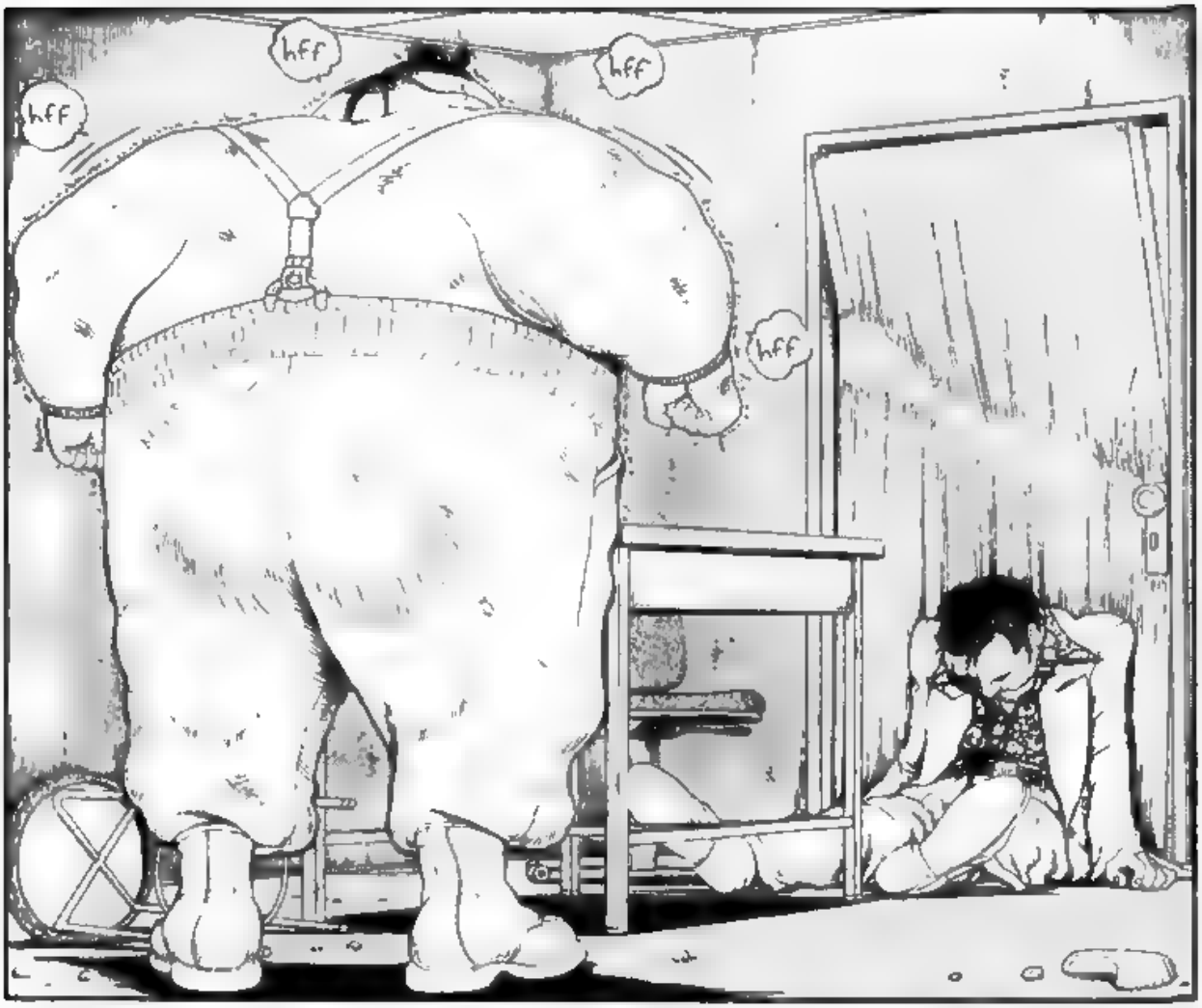
HEH-HEH... DON'T WORRY, MY FRIEND. GOOD COP... BAD COP.

KRAK THOK
!!!
TOP A' THE SHITHEAP IS WHAT YOU XXX CLAN GUYS ARE!
TELL THAT BITCH!!
KZZ-T
YOU TELL HER IF I WAS HER MIRROR I'D FUCKIN' VOMIT!
KRAK
OHHHH
WHO THE FUCK DOES SHE THINK SHE IS!?

STAND UP!!
GRRP
YES... SIR...
I HEARD RENGE'S PSYCHIC.
THAT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT!? JUST A GOOF!?
C'MON!!
N-NO... MISTRESS RENGE REALLY...
LIAR!
THWACH
THEN WHY AIN'T SHE HERE TO SAVE YOUR FAT ASS!?
WHMP
OOH!
C'MON!
UNGH!!
WHUD WHUD
THWACH
WHY DON'T SHE COME FLYIN' IN HERE!?

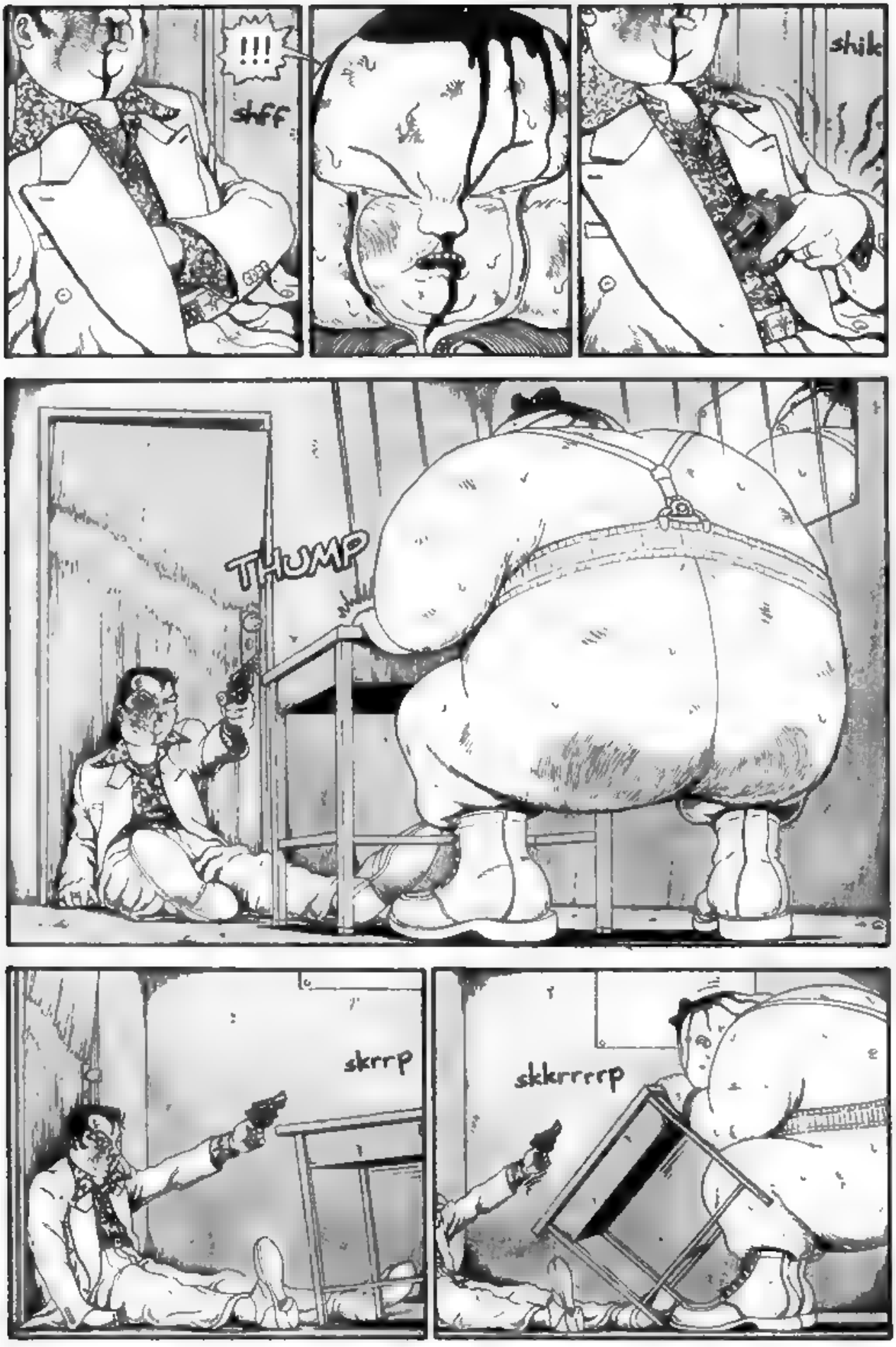
FUCKIN' PSYCHIC HOTLINE FOR HELP! HUH!?
THWMP
YOU COME IN HERE AND TELL ME THAT SHIT? YOU THINK WE'RE MAGGOTS, TOO, HUH?
THOK
KRAK
I'LL TELL YOU WHERE THE MAGGOTS ARE! IN YOUR DON'S BRAIN! IN HER CUNT!
WOKWOK
...
YOU HEAR ME?
krich krich krich
I BET YOU'D LIKE TO SUCK THEM WORMS RIGHT OUTTA HER COOZIE, HUH? MMM-MM! LIKE FUCKIN' CUP RAMEN!

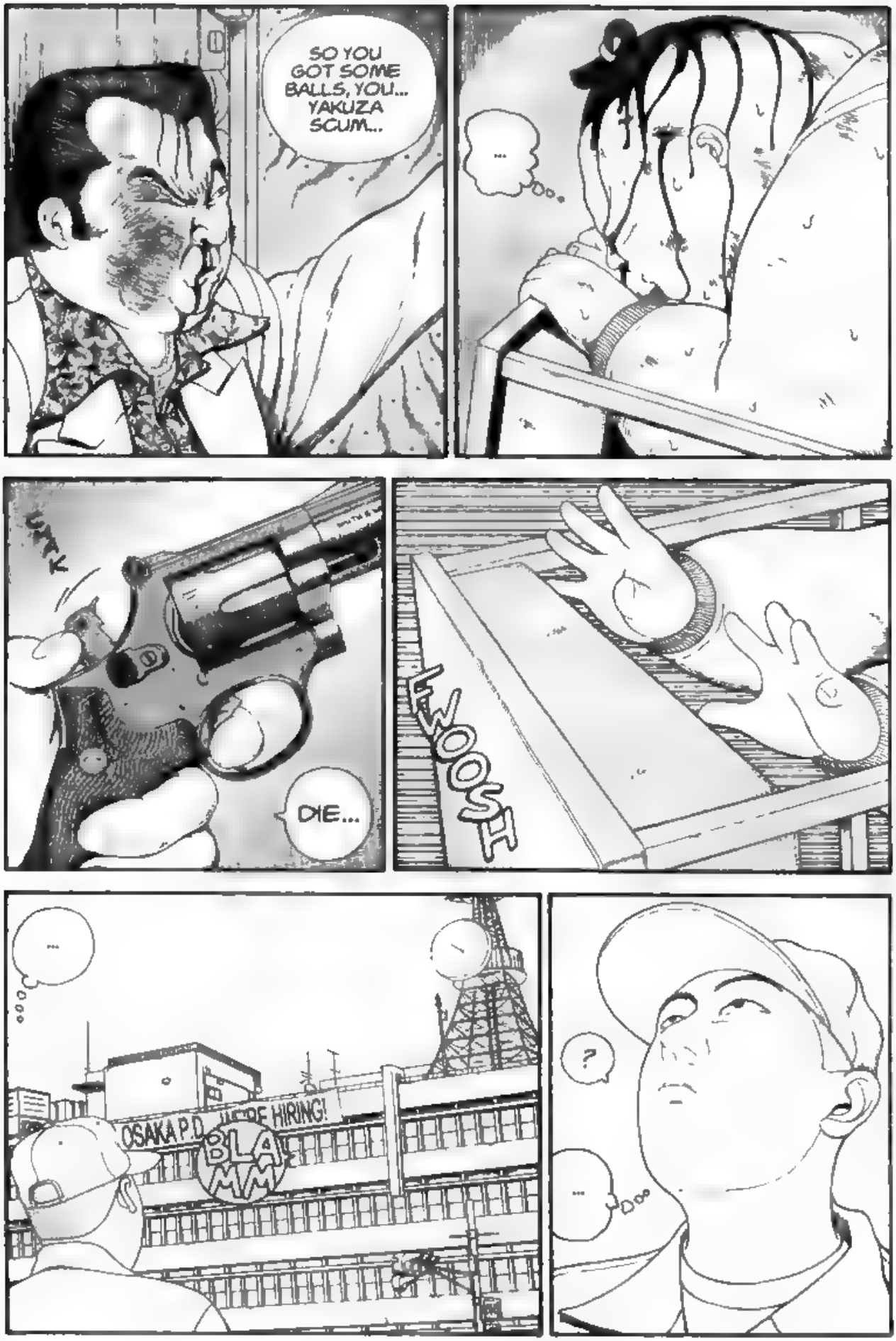
HM?
FWOM
HUHHH?
FWOMMMMMM...
TAP
WH-WHAT?
...
HEY!!
...
HUH?
DO...
DON'T?
WHAT'D YOU SAY, LOSER!?

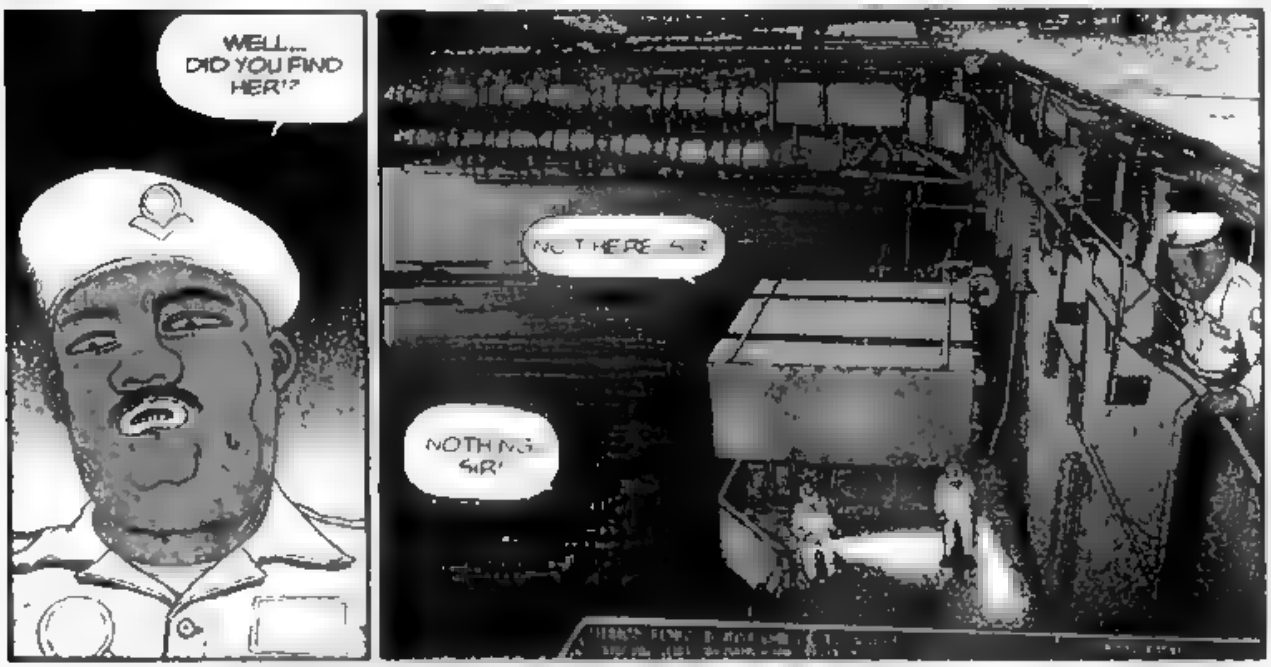

hff
hff
hff
hff

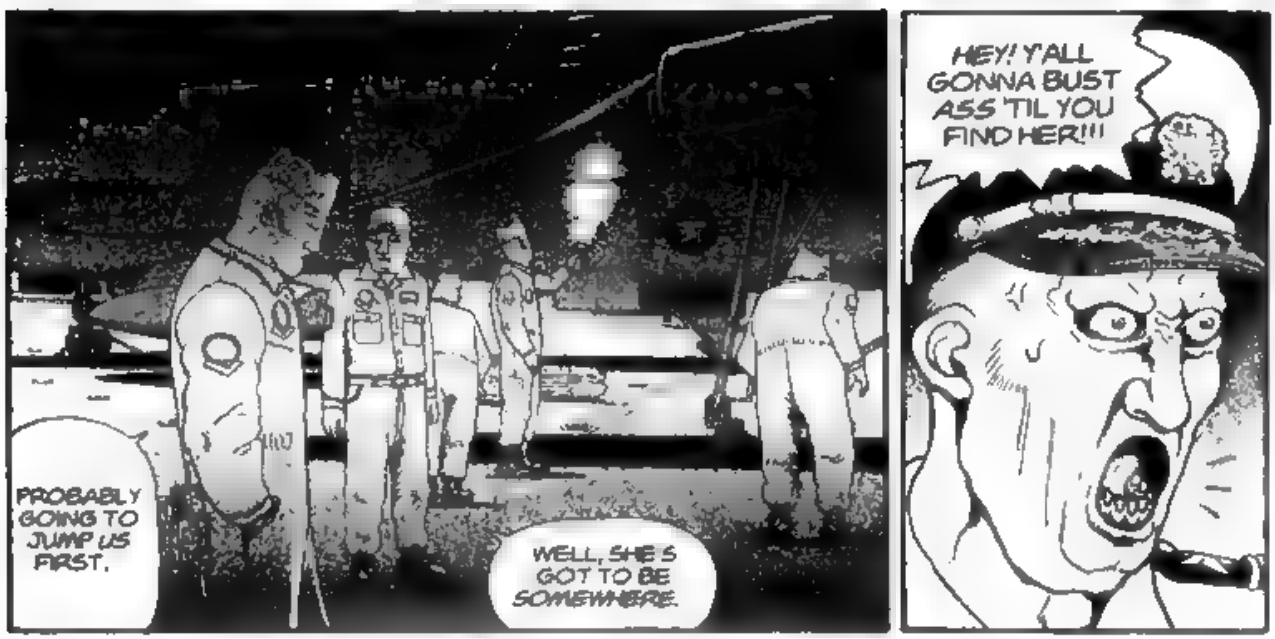
D-DON'T YOU DARE... INSULT MISTRESS RENGE...
hff
hff
nff

HEY...
OH CHIEF...
TOK TOK
TOK TOK
CHIEF, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
CHIEF!?
HFF
HFF
HFF
...
TOK TOK
LET US IN, CHIEF!!
...

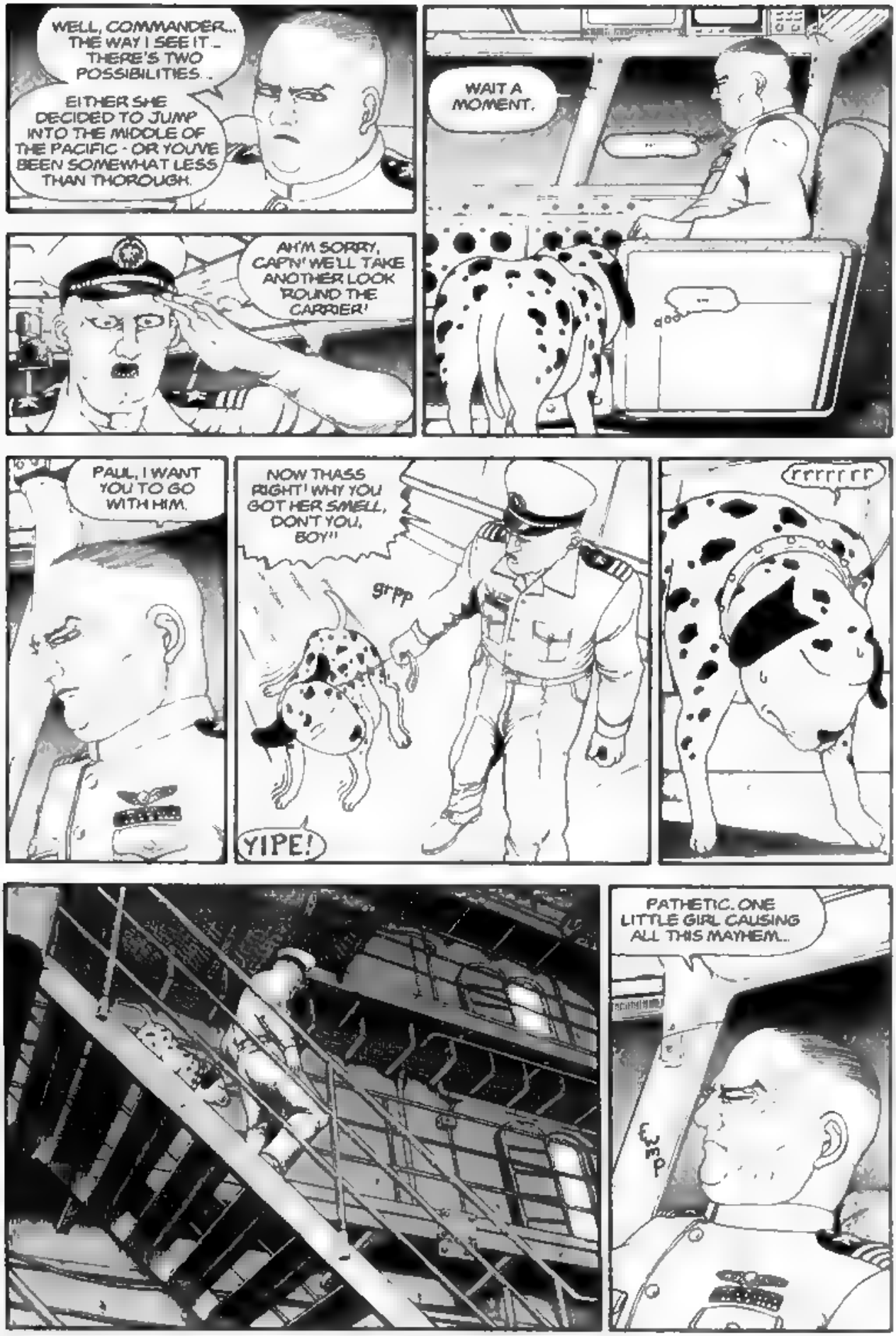

!!!
shff
shik
THUMP
skrrp
skkrrrrp

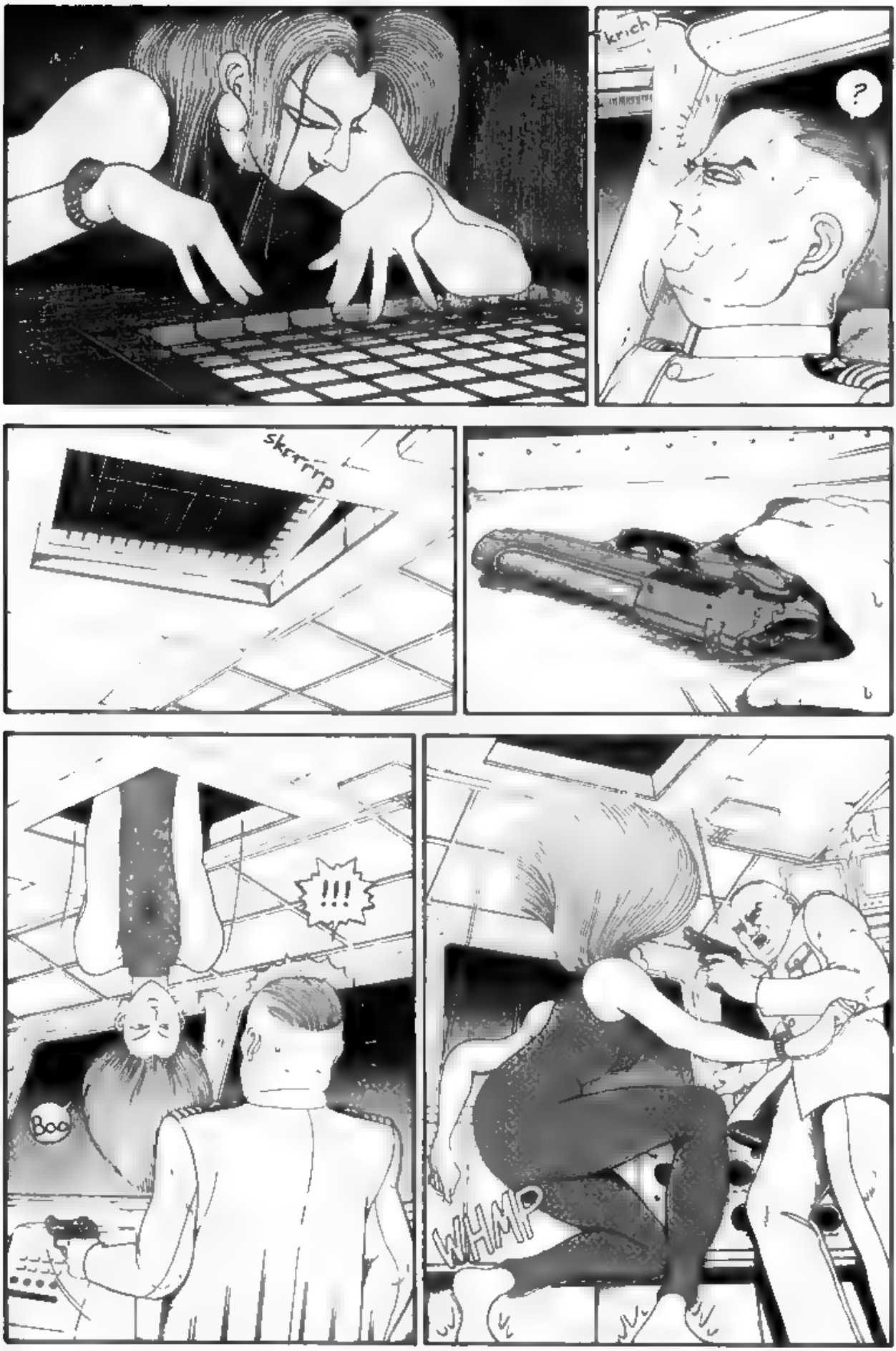

SO YOU GOT SOME BALLS, YOU... YAKUZA SCUM...
...
CLICK
DIE...
WOOSH
...
OSAKA P.D.
HIRING!
BLAM
?
...

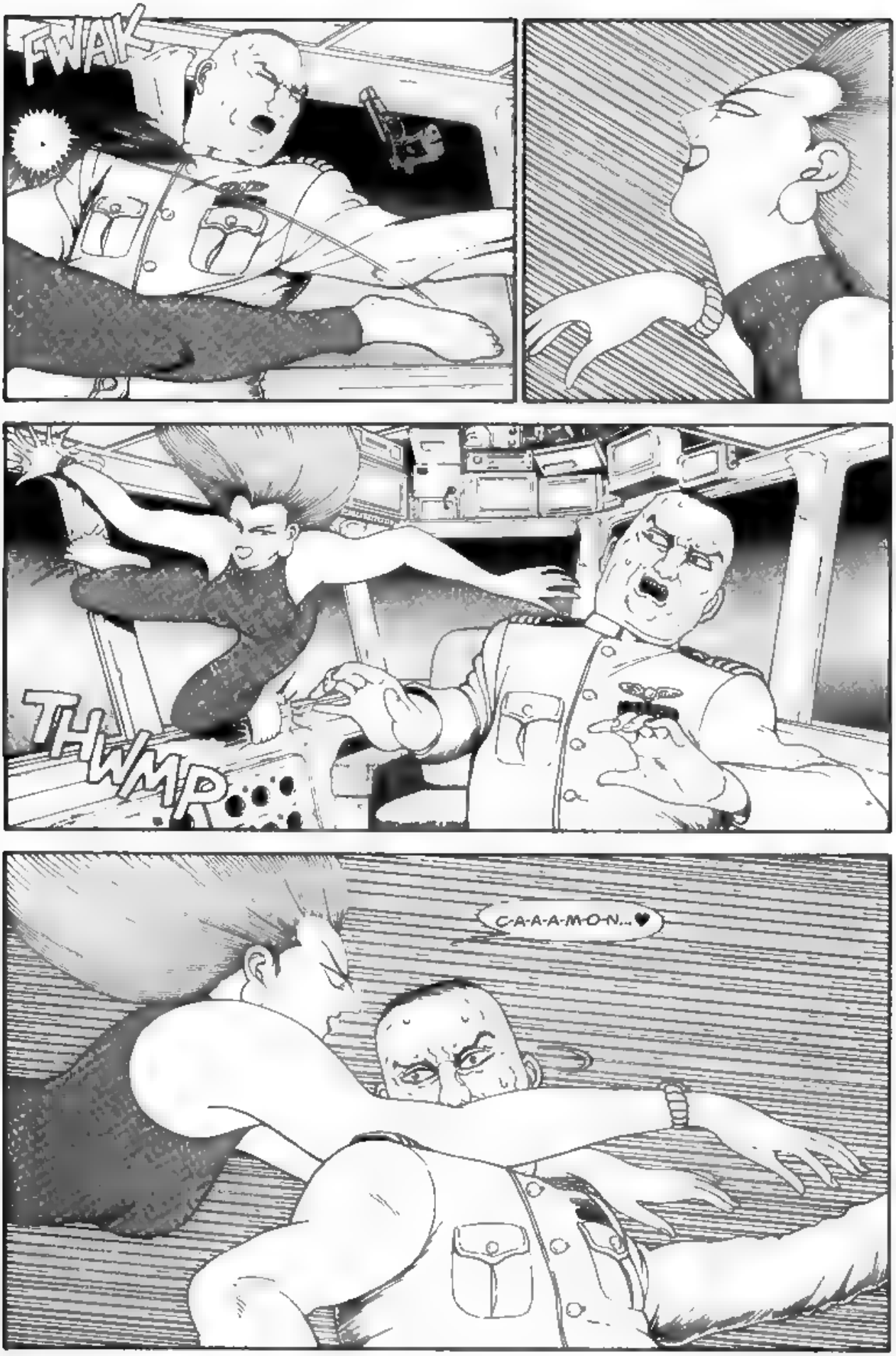

WELL... DID YOU FIND HER?
NOTHING SIR!


PROBABLY GOING TO JUMP US FIRST.
WELL, SHE'S GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE.
HEY! Y'ALL GONNA BUST ASS 'TIL YOU FIND HER!!!

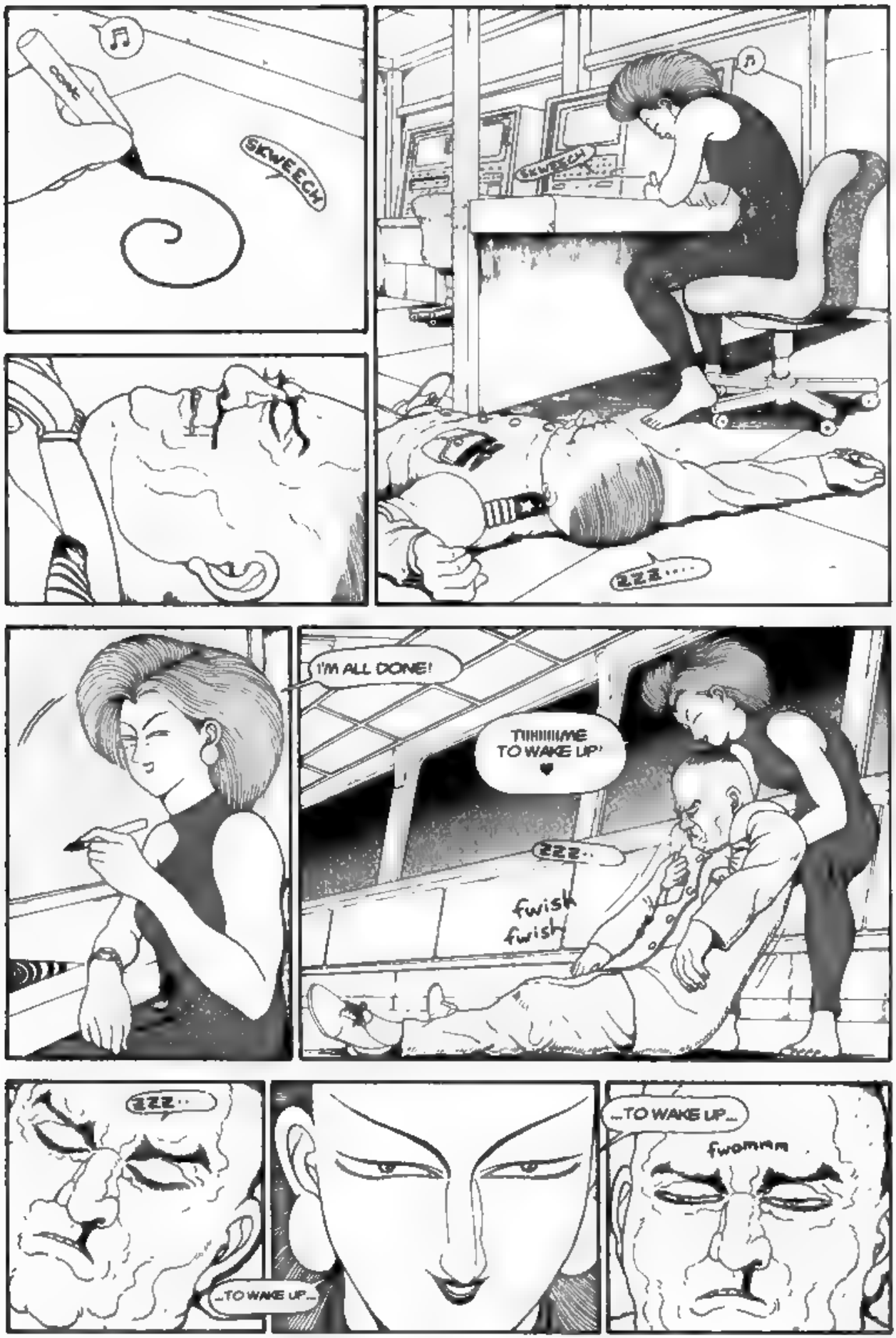
THEY SEEK HER HERE, THEY SEEK HER THERE
THOSE SWABBOS SEEK HER EVERYWHERE.
...IN HEAVEN ..? OR IS SHE...
IS SHE ..?
...IN HELL?
...WELL, SHIT, CAP'N, DAMN ELUSIVE IS ALL I CAN SAY.

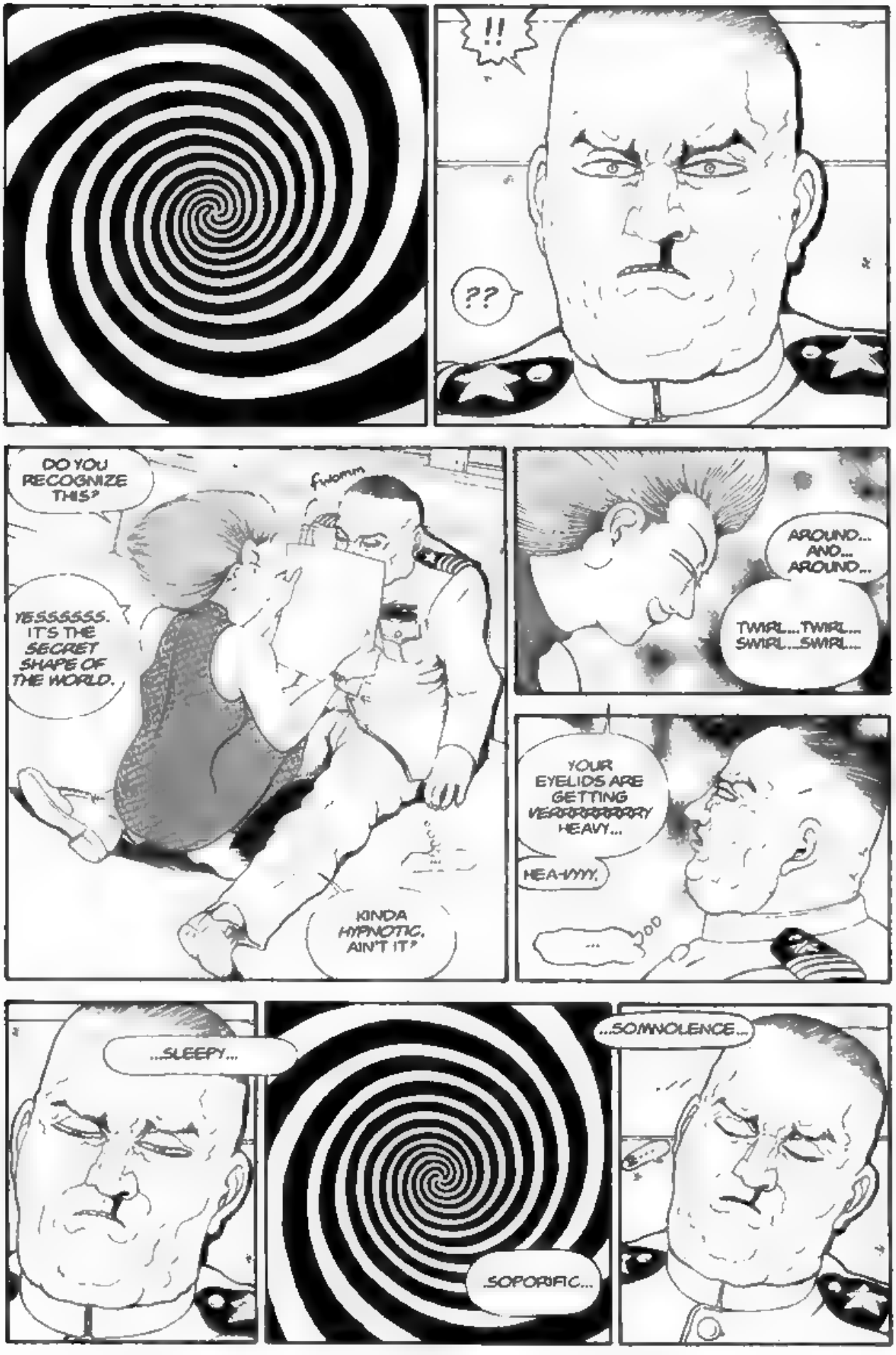

WELL, COMMANDER... THE WAY I SEE IT - THERE'S TWO POSSIBILITIES...
EITHER SHE DECIDED TO JUMP INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC - OR YOU'VE BEEN SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THOROUGH.
WAIT A MOMENT.
AH'M SORRY, CAPT'N' WE'LL TAKE ANOTHER LOOK 'ROUND THE CARRIER!
PAUL, I WANT YOU TO GO WITH HIM.
NOW THASS RIGHT! WHY YOU GOT HER SMELL, DON'T YOU, BOY!!
grrp
YIPE!
rrrrrrr
PATHETIC. ONE LITTLE GIRL CAUSING ALL THIS MAYHEM...
grrp


krich
?
skrrrrp
!!!
Boo
WHMP


FWAK
THWMP
C-A-A-A-M-O-N...♥

..O-L-O M-A-A-A-N
FWUD
UMPH!
THIS'LL FEEL SO G-O-O-O-D..
WHAT...!?
RIGHT HERE!!!
KRINCH
KRICH
KRINCH
GO DOWN
KRINCH
DOWN
DOWN


click
SKWEECH
SKWEECH
ZZZ....
I'M ALL DONE!
TIIIIIIME TO WAKE UP!
ZZZ..
fwish fwish
ZZZ..
...TO WAKE UP...
...TO WAKE UP...
fwomm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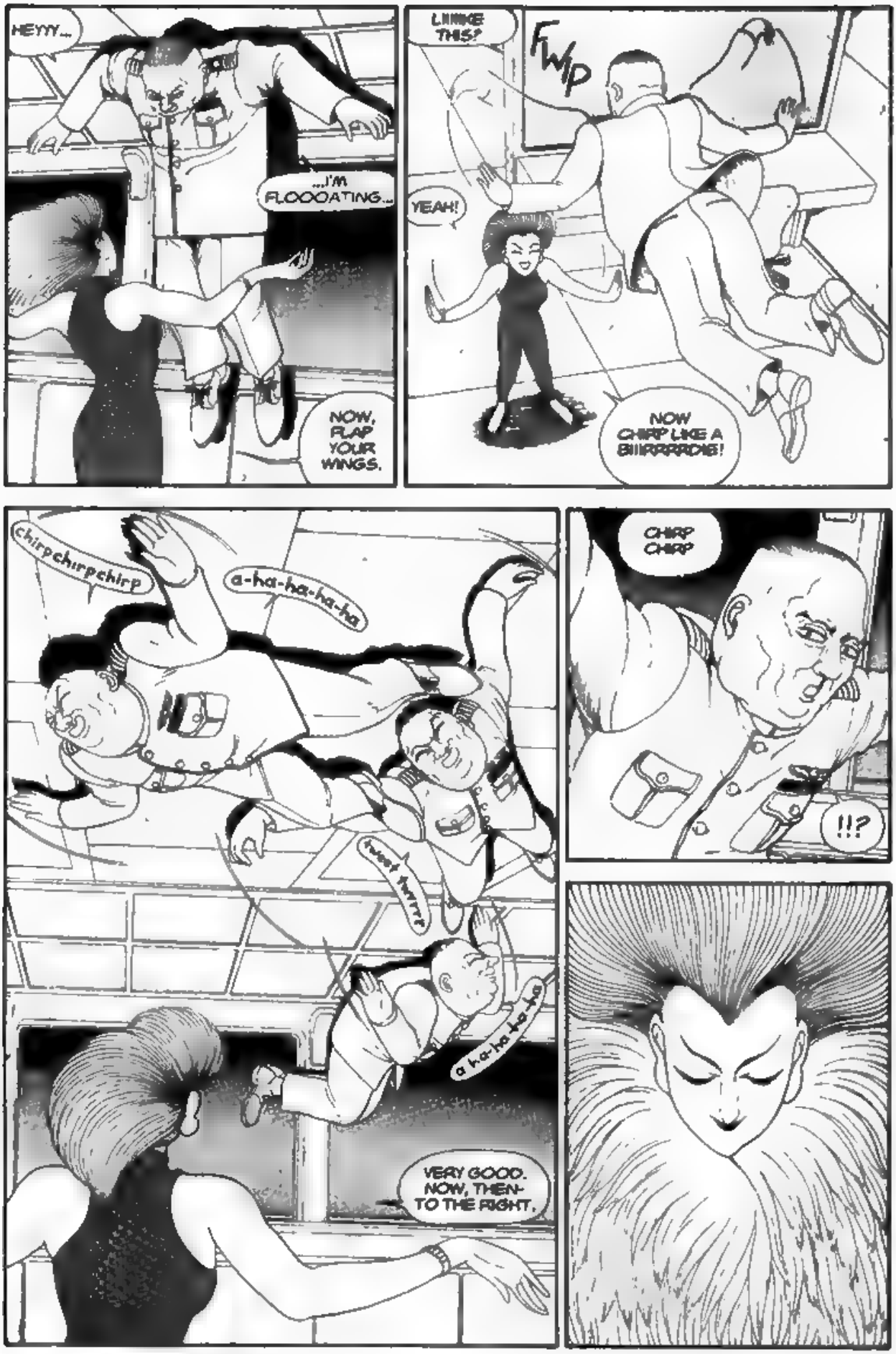
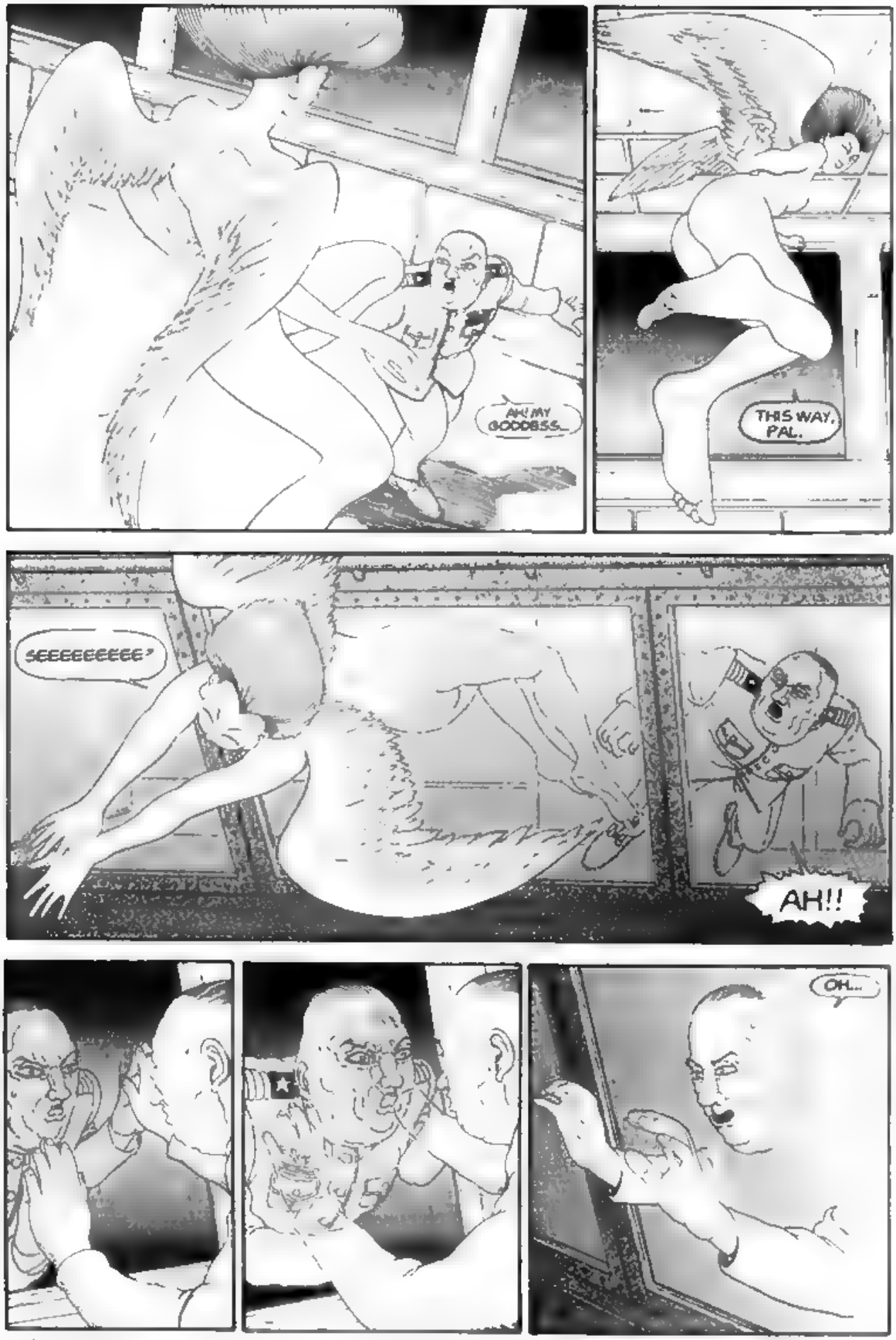
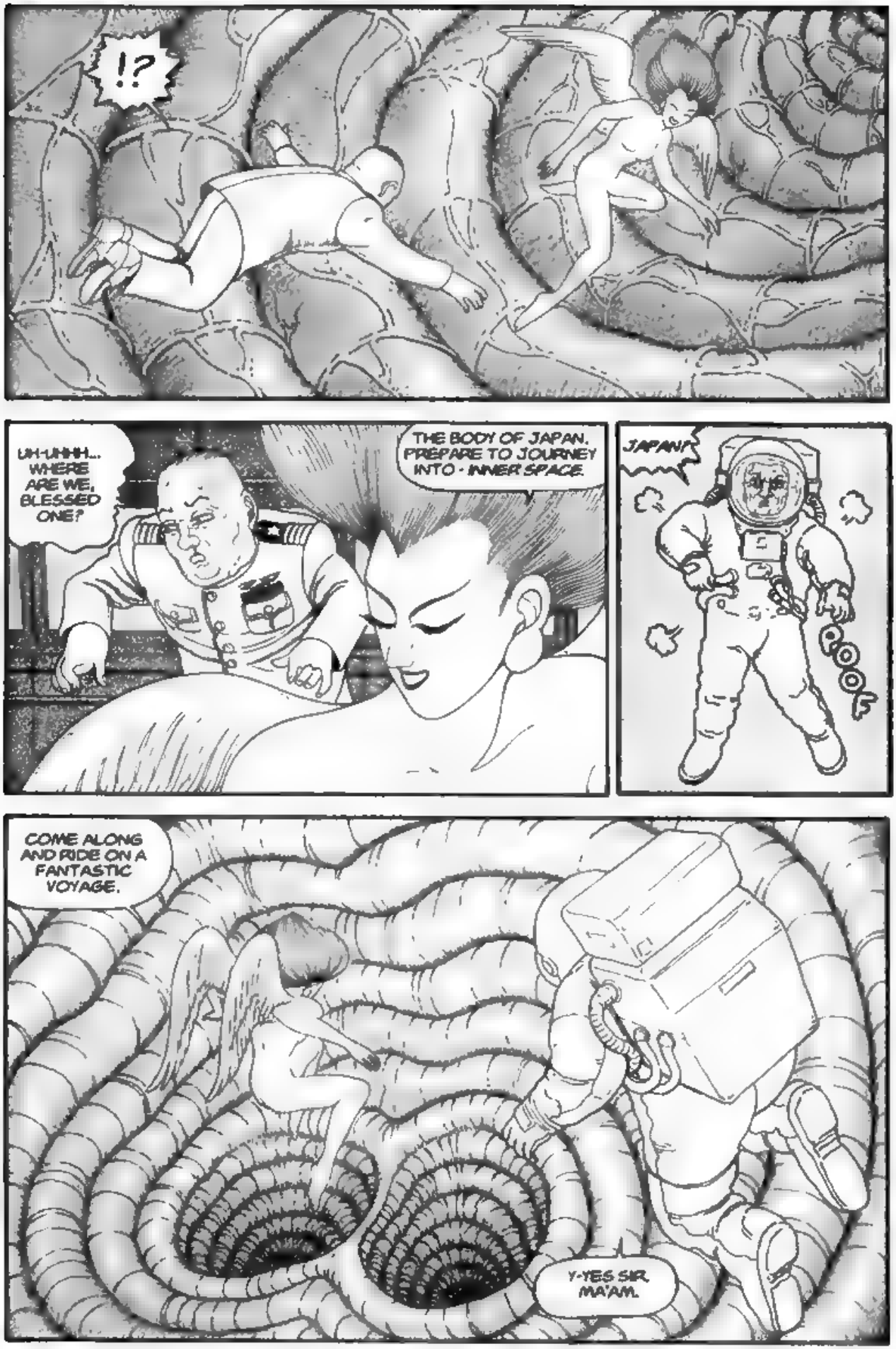
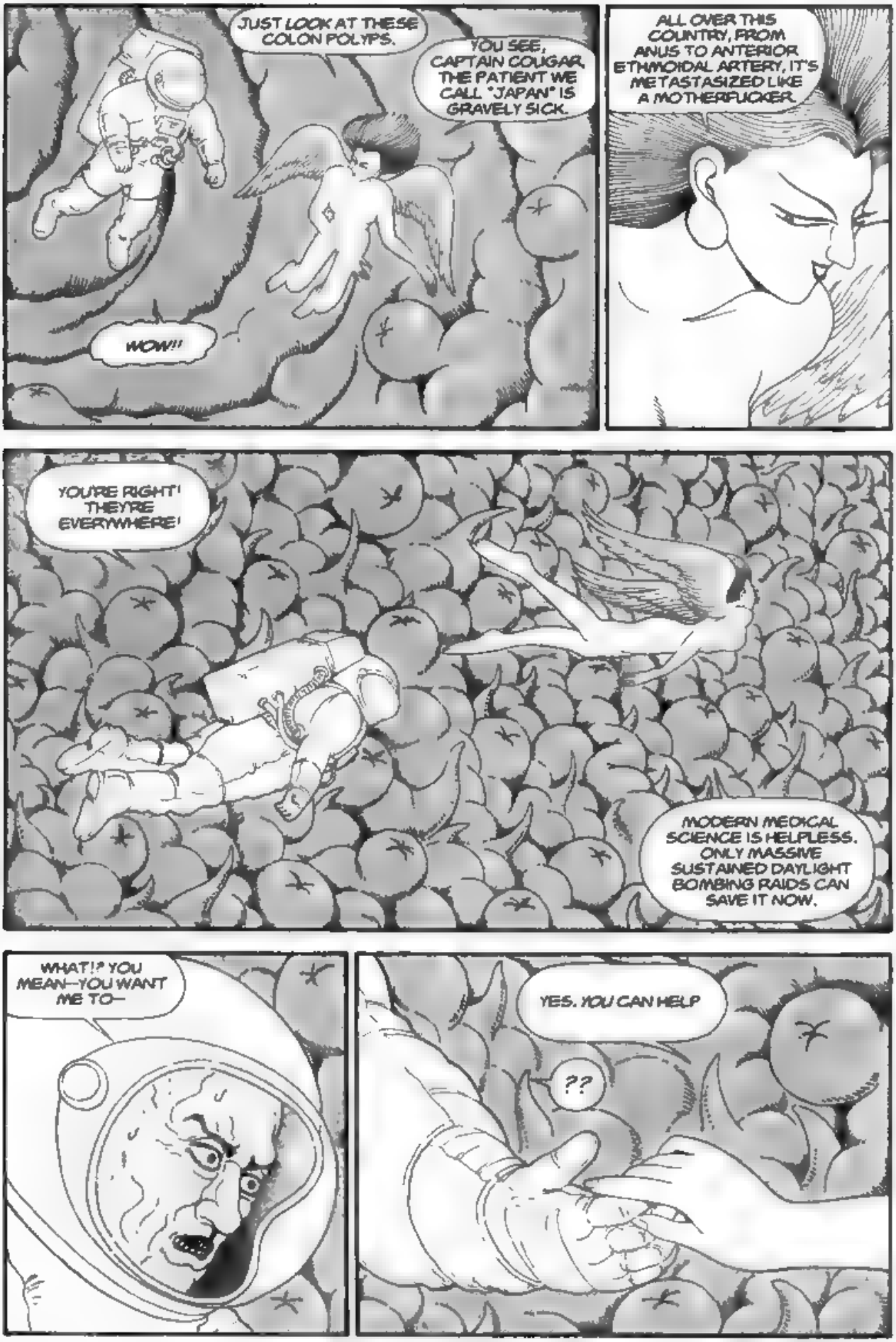
??
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?
fwoomm
YESSSSSSS. IT'S THE SECRET SHAPE OF THE WORLD.
KINDA HYPNOTIC, AIN'T IT?
AROUND... AND... AROUND...
TWIRL...TWIRL... SWIRL...SWIRL...
YOUR EYELIDS ARE GETTING VERRRRRRRRRY HEAVY...
HEA-VYYY.
...
...SLEEPY...
...SOPORIFIC...
...SOMNOLENCE...

YOU'RE JUST 200 POUNDS (74.648 KILOS) OF FEATHERS...
...FLOOOOOOATING...
SOP
...LIGHT... FLUFFY...
SEE...
...NOW YOU'RE RISING UP...
YOU'RE A BIRD.
A BIRD.
fwoop


HEYYY...
...I'M FLOOOATING...
NOW, FLAP YOUR WINGS.
LIKE THIS?
FWP
YEAH!
NOW CHIRP LIKE A BIIIRRRDIE!
chirpchirpchirp
a-ha-ha-ha-ha
hee! hurrr
a-ha-ha-ha
VERY GOOD. NOW, THEN- TO THE FIGHT.
CHIRP CHIRP
!!?


AH! MY GODDESS...
THIS WAY, PAL.
SEEEEEEEEE?
AH!!
OH...

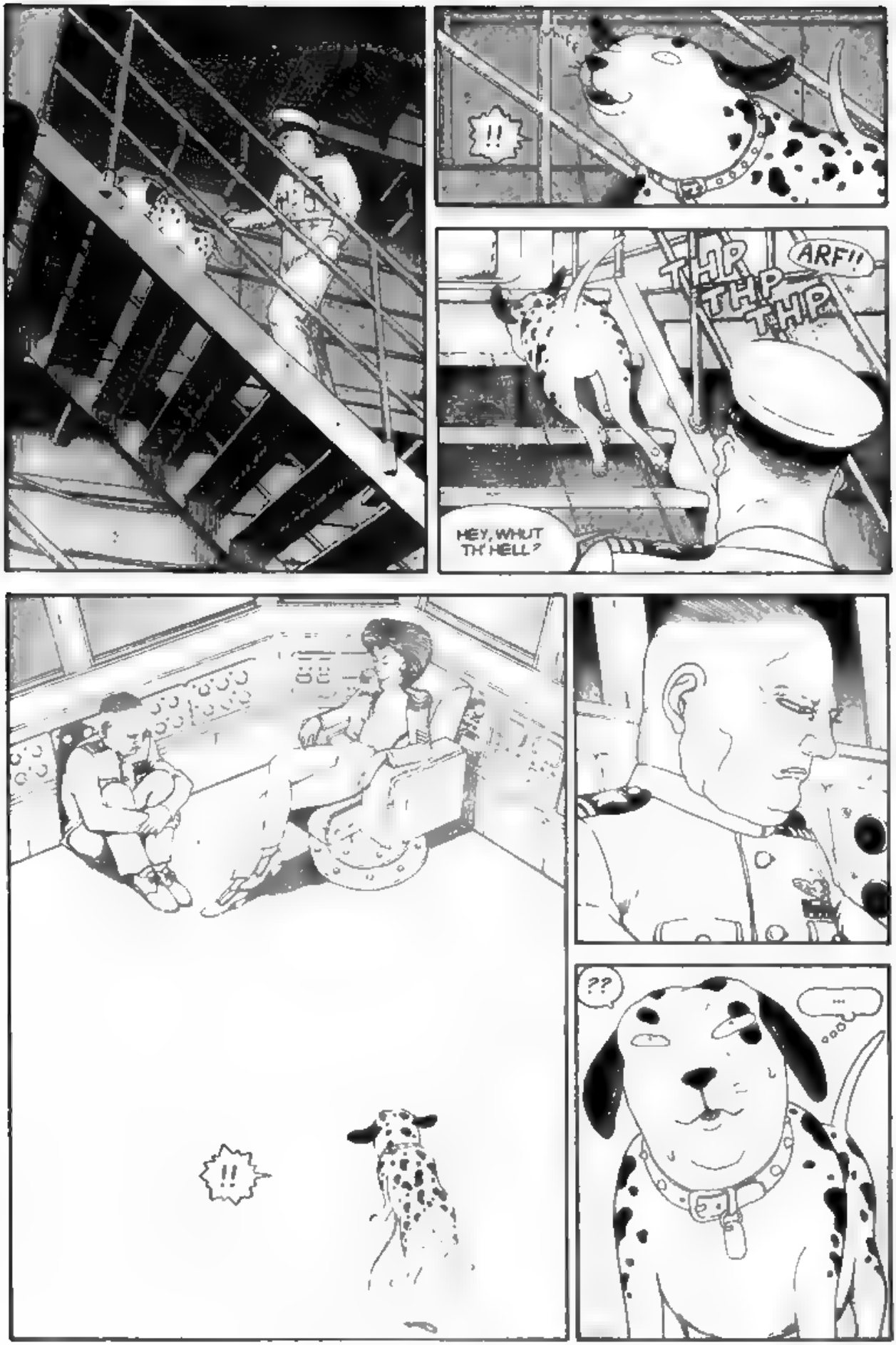

!?
UH-UHHH... WHERE ARE WE, BLESSED ONE?
THE BODY OF JAPAN. PREPARE TO JOURNEY INTO · INNER SPACE.
JAPAN?
COME ALONG AND RIDE ON A FANTASTIC VOYAGE.
Y-YES SIR, MA'AM.


JUST LOOK AT THESE COLON POLYPS.
YOU SEE, CAPTAIN COUGAR, THE PATIENT WE CALL "JAPAN" IS GRAVELY SICK.
WOW!!
ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY, FROM ANUS TO ANTERIOR ETHMOIDAL ARTERY, IT'S METASTASIZED LIKE A MOTHERFUCKER.
YOU'RE RIGHT! THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!
MODERN MEDICAL SCIENCE IS HELPLESS. ONLY MASSIVE SUSTAINED DAYLIGHT BOMBING RAIDS CAN SAVE IT NOW.
WHAT!? YOU MEAN--YOU WANT ME TO--
YES. YOU CAN HELP
??

WHAT IS THAT!?
THAT'S THE ROOT OF THE EVIL NAGATA-CHO- WHERE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT RESIDES
OH- IT'S HORRIBLE!

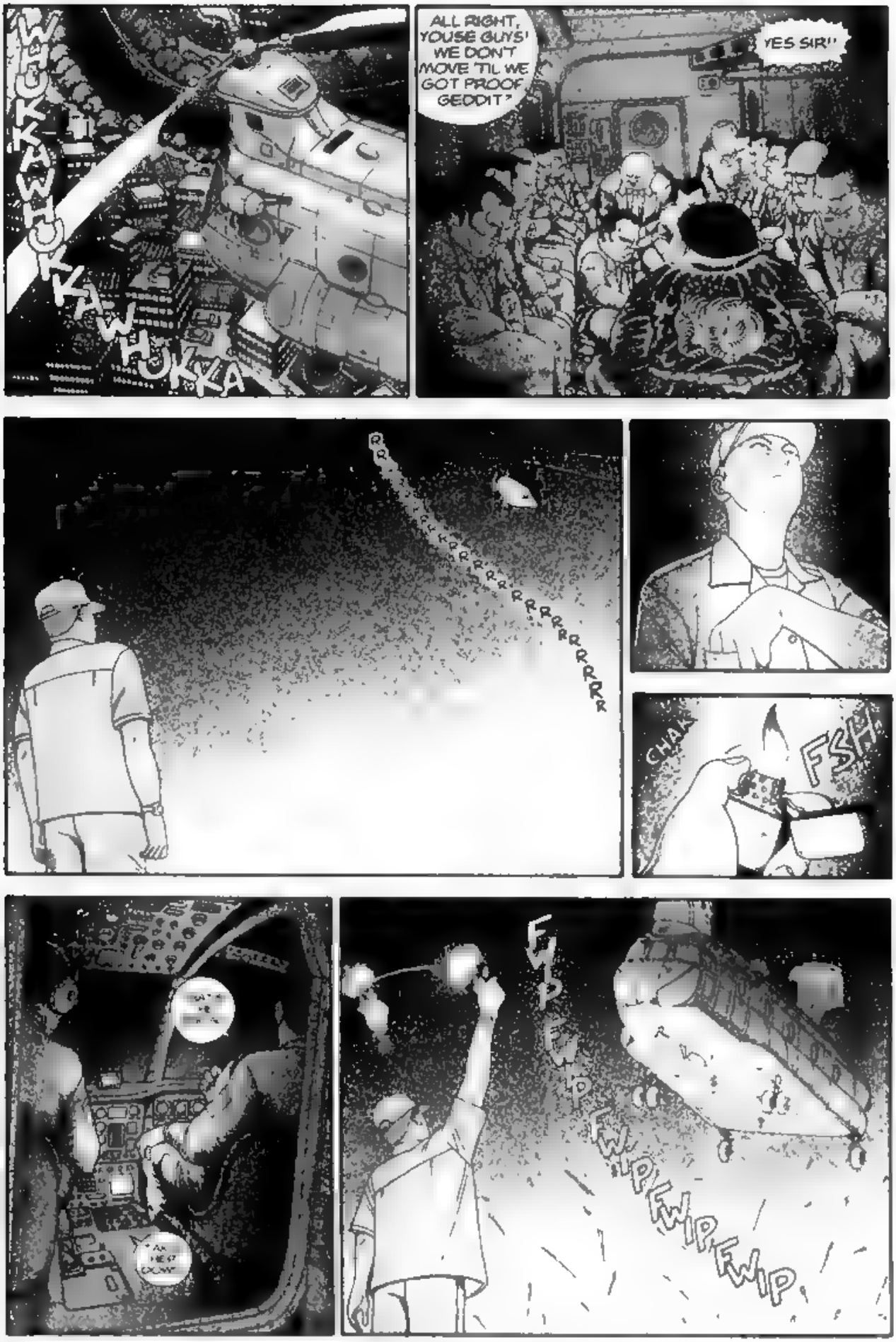
THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN
I WANT YOU TO CAUTERIZE IT COMPLETELY BURN, BABY, BURN BURN IT DOWN
BURN IT DOWN? HOW?

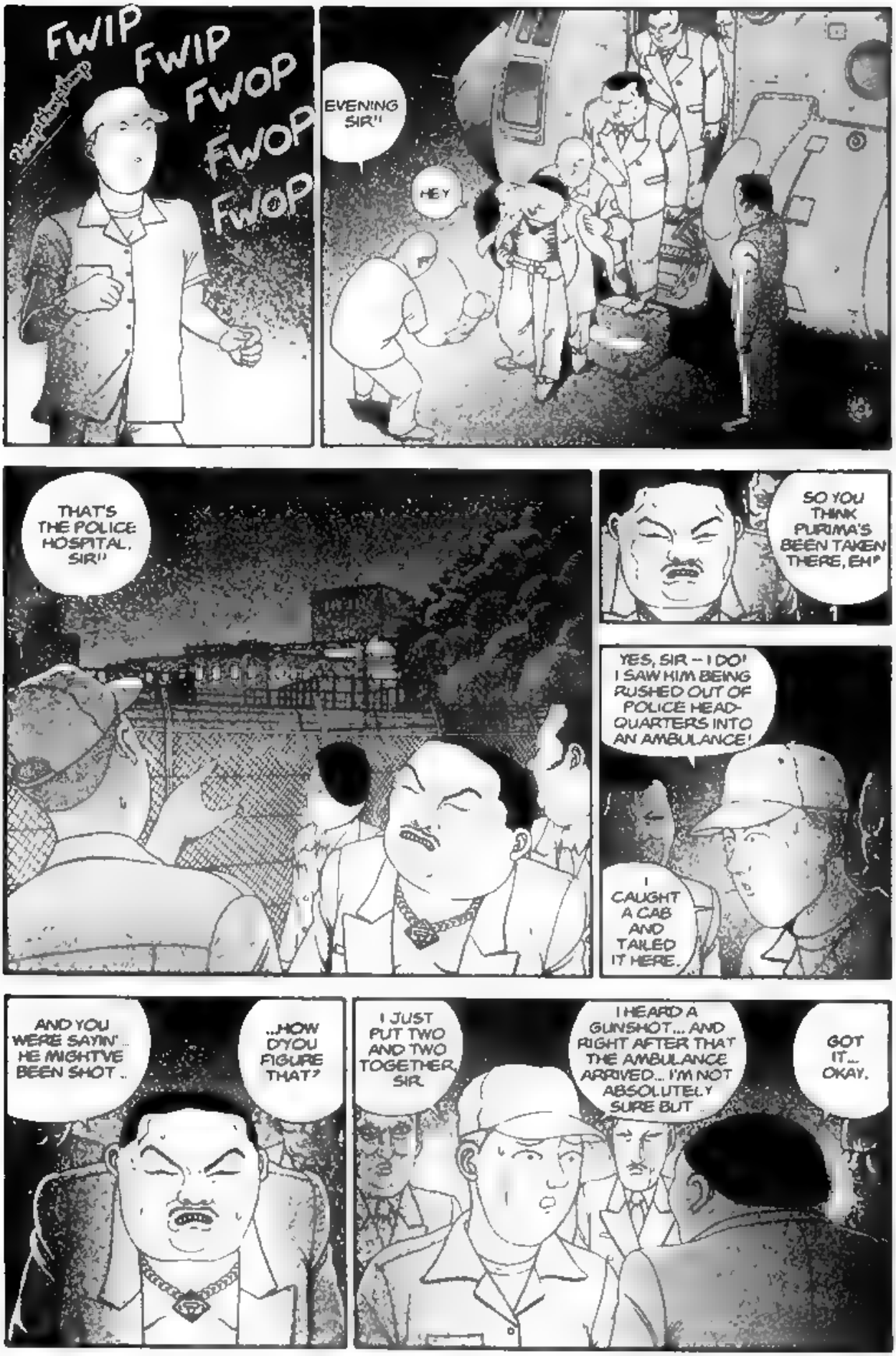
I'M NOT FUSSY.
MAYBE SOME AIM-54 PHOENIX MISSILES... OR AIR-TO-GROUND PRECISION STRIKE ORDNANCE... HOW 'BOUT THE M61A1/A2 VULCAN 20mm CANNON..."
B-BUT... GODDESS... WITHOUT AN EXECUTIVE ORDER... I CAN'T...
OH, CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN. SEE, I GOT ALL THAT SHIT COVERED.
THE PRESIDENT? HE LOVES THE IDEA. ALL THOSE MISSILES FLYING OVERHEAD, TO AND FRO...
THE PRESIDENT!?
WHEN DID YOU TALK TO HIM?
HA-HA... WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP!
WHILE I WAS ASLEEEEEEEP..
DESTROY THE JAPANESE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM...
...DESTROY...DESTROY...DESTROY...


!!
THP THP THP
ARF!!
HEY, WHUT TH' HELL?
!!
??
...

...
UH, CAP'N...
...?
CAP'N!
CAP'N!
HM?
WOULD YOU MIND EXPLAININ' THIS?
RIGHT...
COMMANDER, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU.
SPECIAL OFFICER RENGE, DISPATCHED FROM WASHINGTON TO EVALUATE OUR PREPAREDNESS AND ADVISE ON TACTICAL MANEUVERS.

SPECIAL OFFICER? WASHINGTON? S-SIR, SHE'S JAPANESE, A WOMAN...
IS MY RACE OR GENDER A PROBLEM, COMMANDER?
!!
LISTEN TO THE OFFICER!! YOU MEN COULDN'T HANDLE HER!!
THE MORALE OF THIS SHIP IS SHOT!
I'LL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT, CAPTAIN.
CAPT'N...
MA'AM! AYE-AYE, MA'AM!


WUKKAWUKKAWUKKA
ALL RIGHT, YOUSE GUYS! WE DON'T MOVE 'TIL WE GOT PROOF GEDDIT?
YES SIR!!
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
CHAK
FSK
FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP


FWIP
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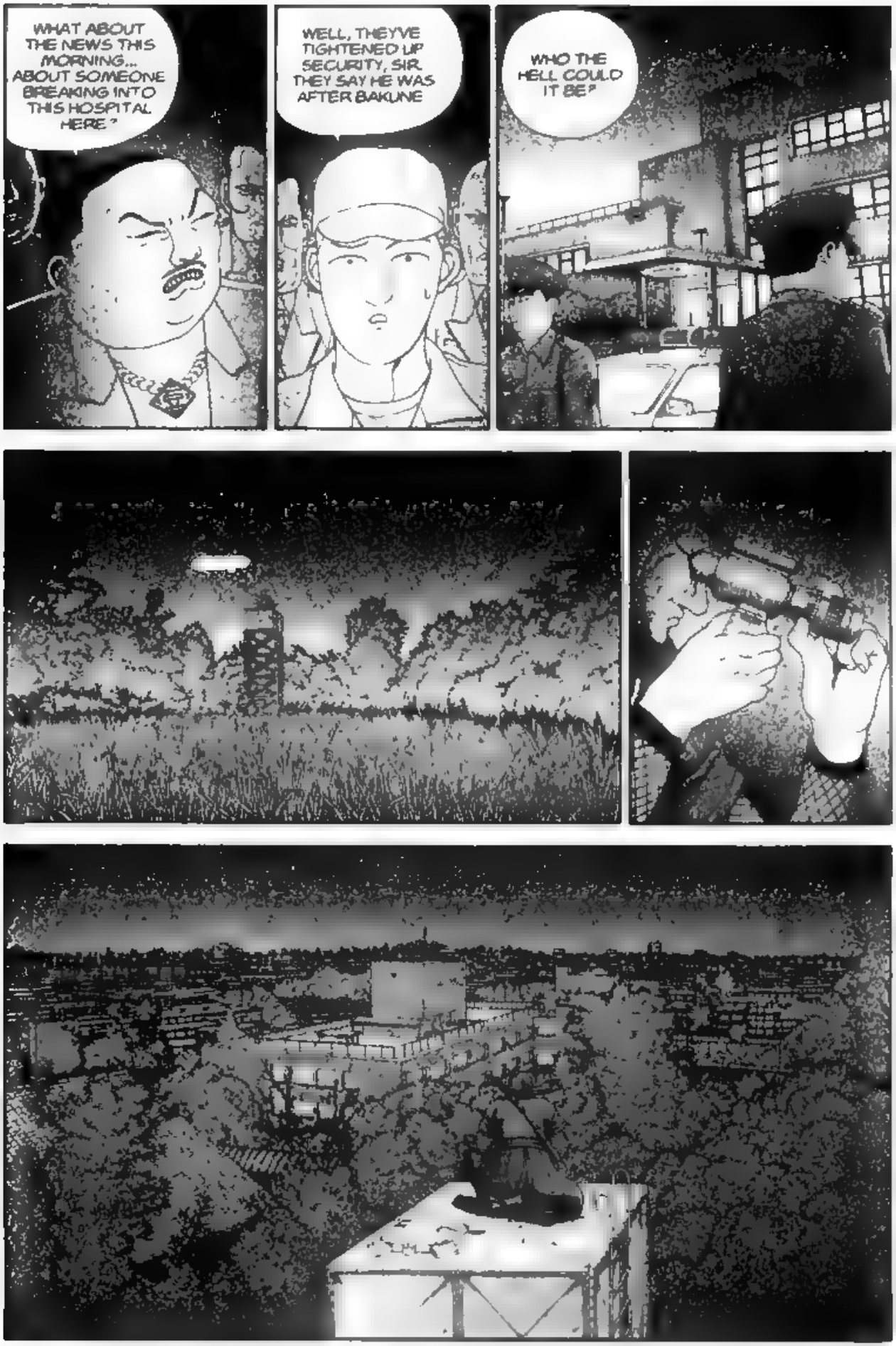
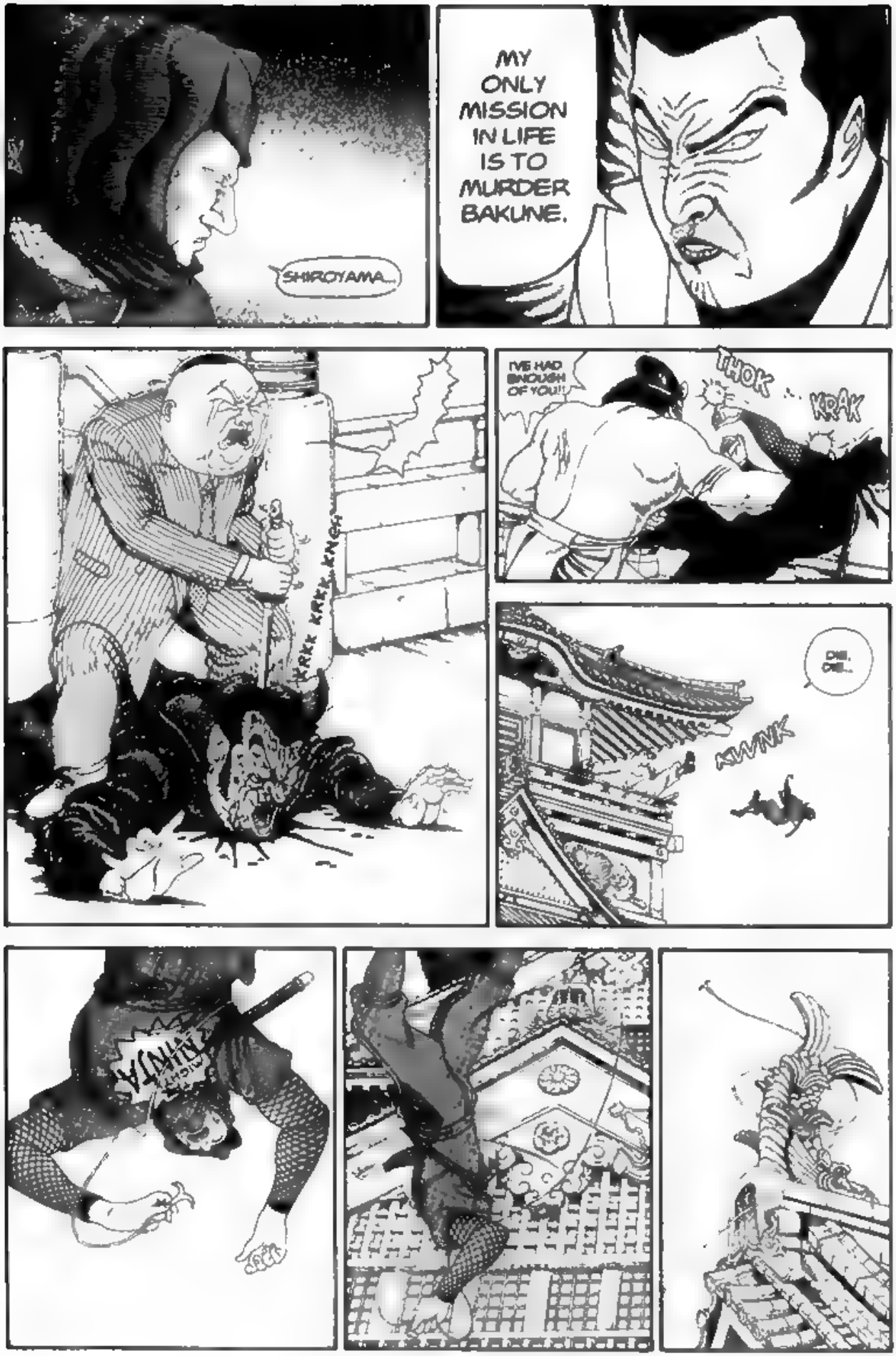
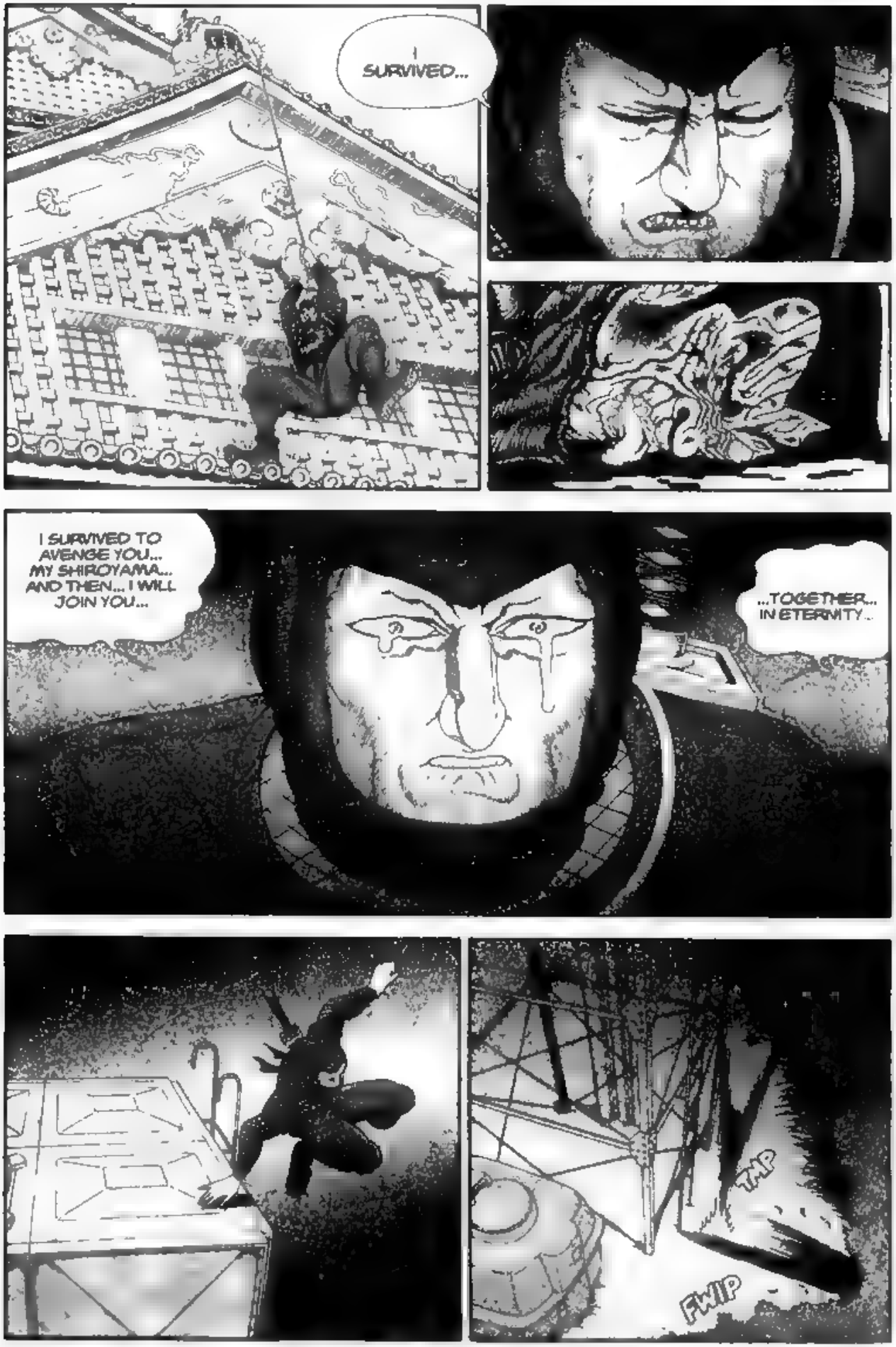
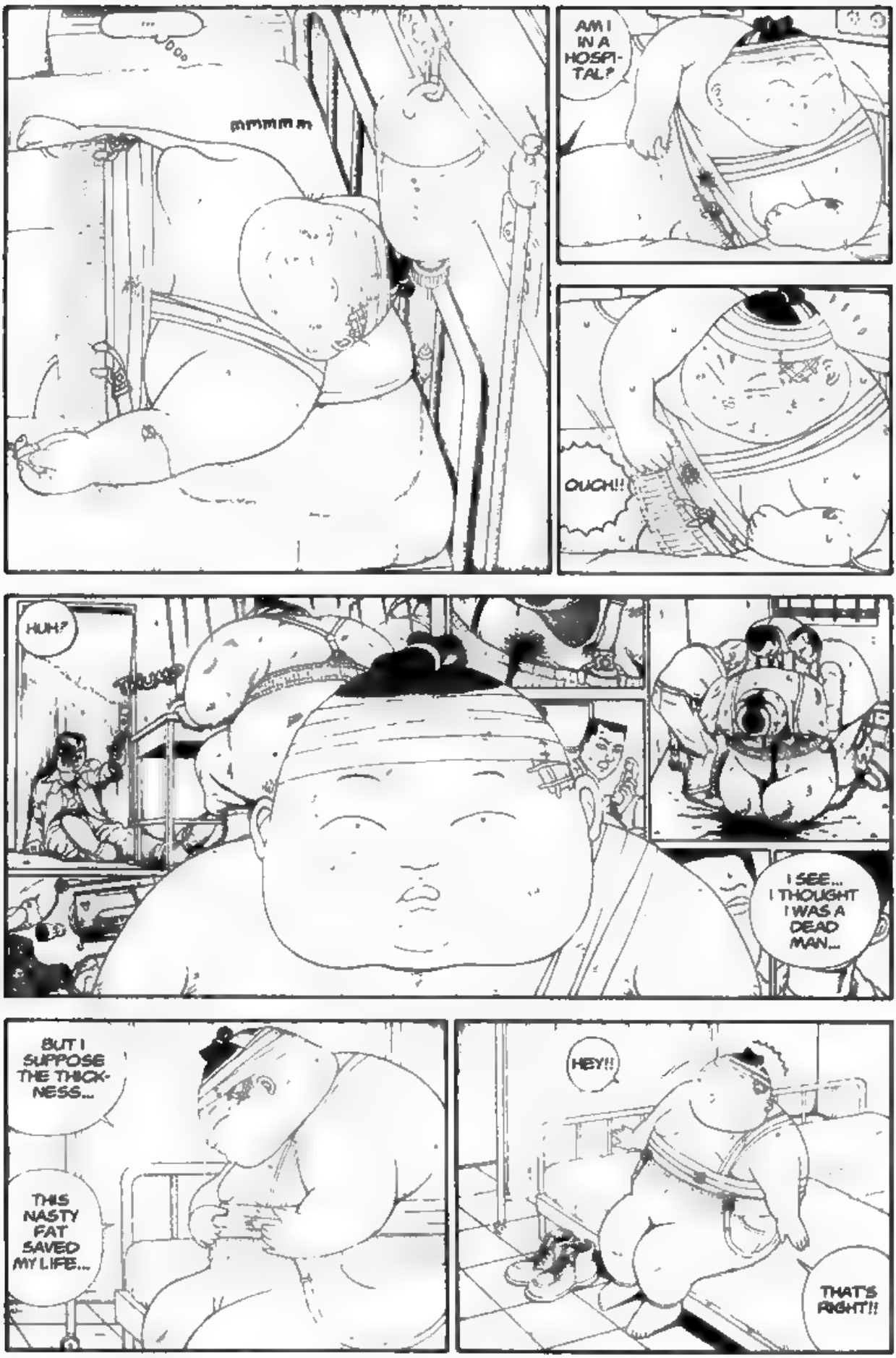
EVENING SIR!!
HEY
THAT'S THE POLICE HOSPITAL, SIR!!
SO YOU THINK PURIMA'S BEEN TAKEN THERE, EH?
YES, SIR – I DO! I SAW KIM BEING RUSHED OUT OF POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS INTO AN AMBULANCE!
I CAUGHT A CAB AND TAILED IT HERE.
AND YOU WERE SAYIN' ... HE MIGHTVE BEEN SHOT ..
..HOW D'YOU FIGURE THAT?
I JUST PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER, SIR.
I HEARD A GUNSHOT... AND RIGHT AFTER THAT THE AMBULANCE ARRIVED... I'M NOT ABSOLUTELY SURE BUT ...
GOT IT... OKAY.


WHAT ABOUT THE NEWS THIS MORNING... ABOUT SOMEONE BREAKING INTO THIS HOSPITAL HERE?
WELL, THEY'VE TIGHTENED UP SECURITY, SIR. THEY SAY HE WAS AFTER BAKUNE
WHO THE HELL COULD IT BE?

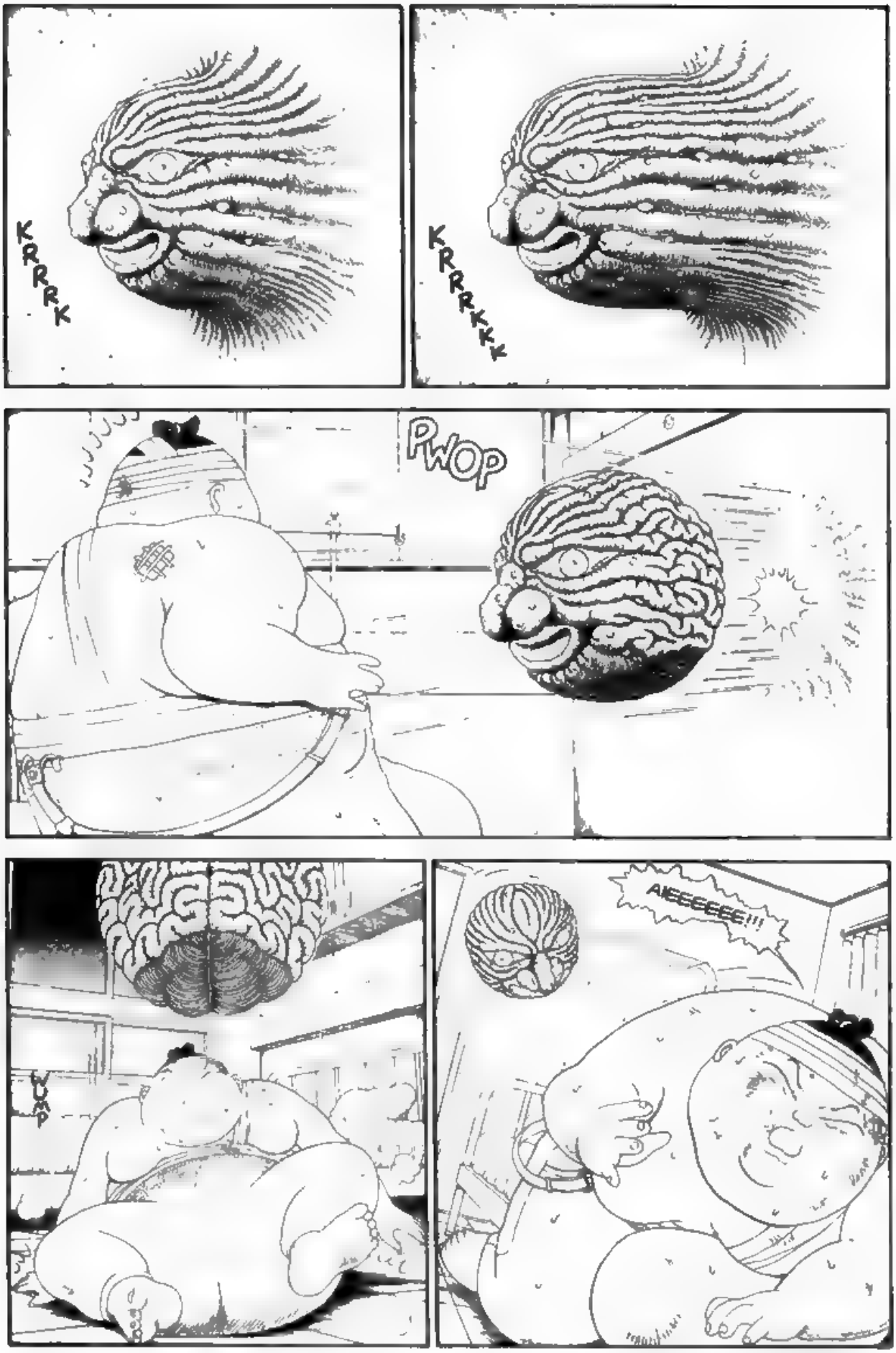

SHIROYAMA...
MY ONLY MISSION IN LIFE IS TO MURDER BAKUNE.
KRK KRK KRK
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU!!
THOK
KRAK
CHIL CHIL...
ATAAAK
NINJA

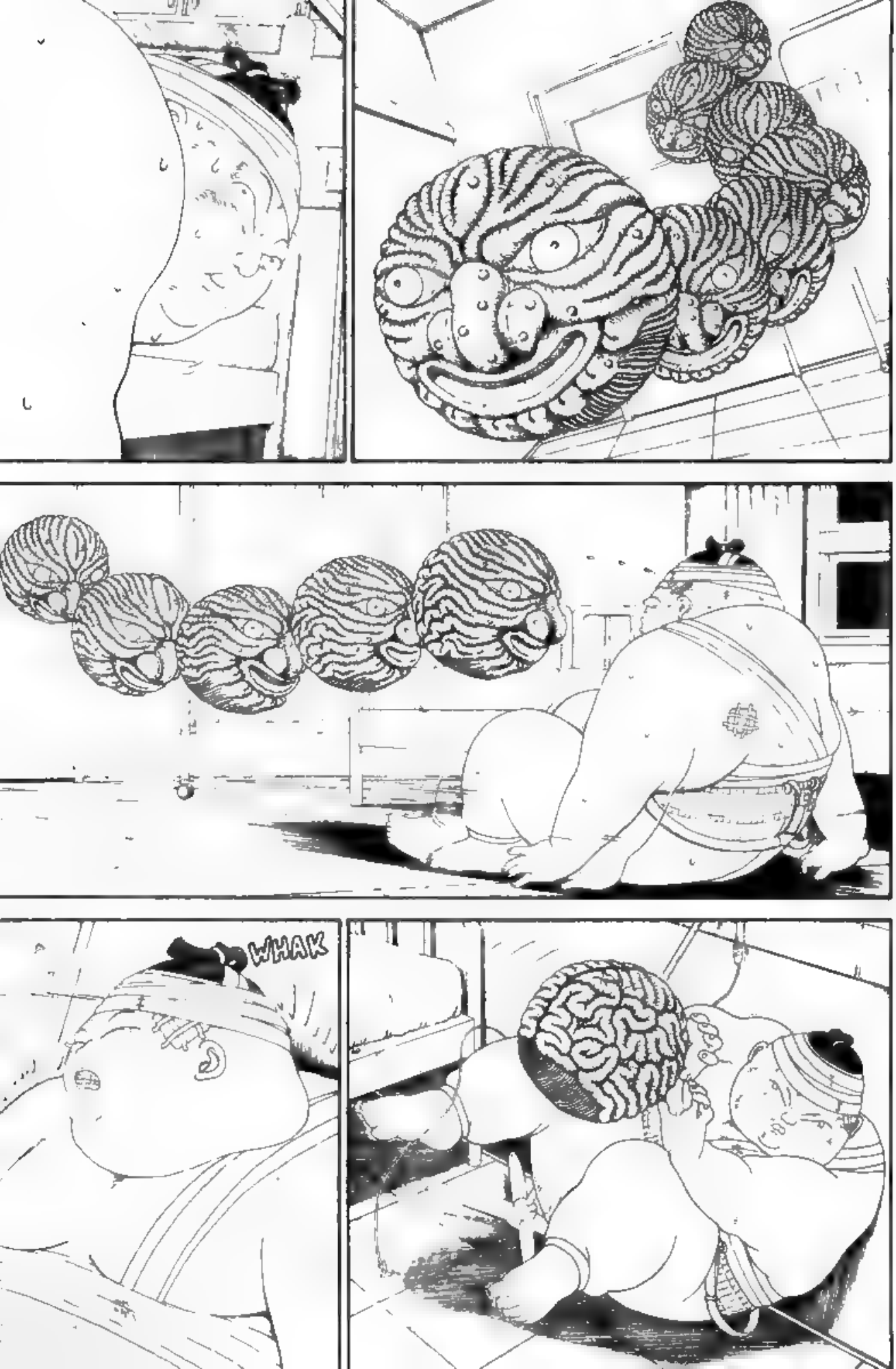

I SURVIVED...
I SURVIVED TO AVENGE YOU... MY SHIROYAMA... AND THEN... I WILL JOIN YOU...
...TOGETHER... IN ETERNITY...
TAP
FWIP

HEY, PIG!!
WE KNOW PURIMA'S HERE!!
WE WANT HIM SPRUNG, GEDDIT!?
WH- WHAT? "PURIMA?"
WHO'S PURIMA?
DON' FUCK WIT US!! WE KNOW HE'S HERE!!
WE HEARD THE GUNSHOT FROM 4TH DIVISION!
HEY!!


mmmm
AM I IN A HOSPI-TAL?
OUCH!!
HUH?
I SEE... I THOUGHT I WAS A DEAD MAN...
BUT I SUPPOSE THE THICK-NESS...
THIS NASTY FAT SAVED MY LIFE...
HEY!!
THAT'S RIGHT!!

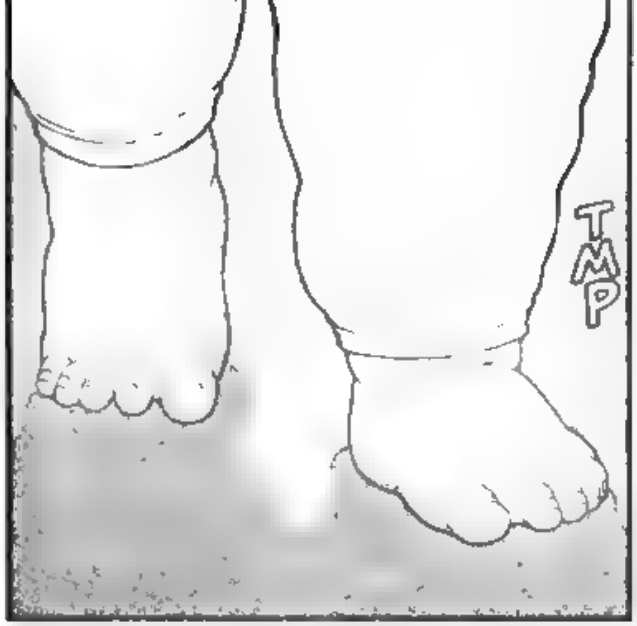
I CAN'T JUST LIE AROUND!!
KRAK
KRUMP
?
FWISH
!!!


KRRRK
KRRRKKK
PWOP
WUMP
AIEEEEEE!!!


WHAK

GYAH!
AIIIYAAAAAAAA
hurk
glurrrghkkkh

PURIMAAAAA!
!!
PU-RI-MAAAAAA!!
I KNOW YOU'RE HEEEEEERE!!!
THWOK
I HEARD PURIMA'S VOICE!! I HEARD HIM CRYIN'!!!
A-ARE YOU OKAY?
HE WAS CRYIN' I TELL YA! I HEARD HIM!
G-GET SOME BACKUP!!
YES, SIR!!
POOM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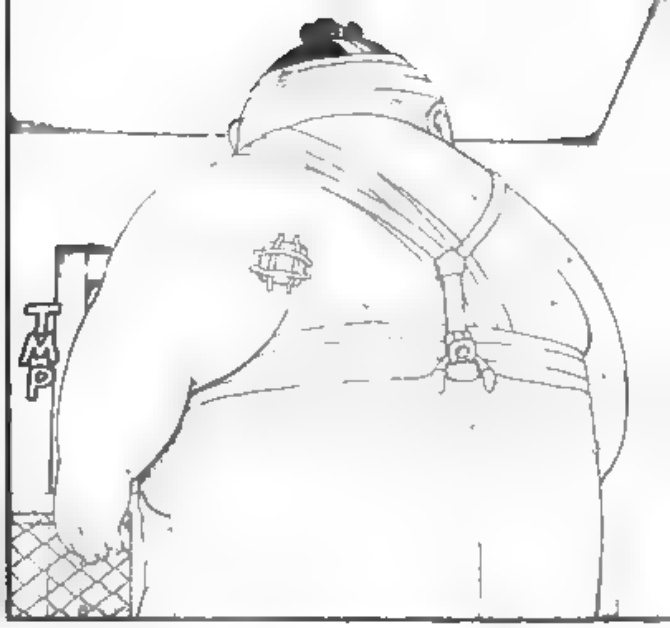
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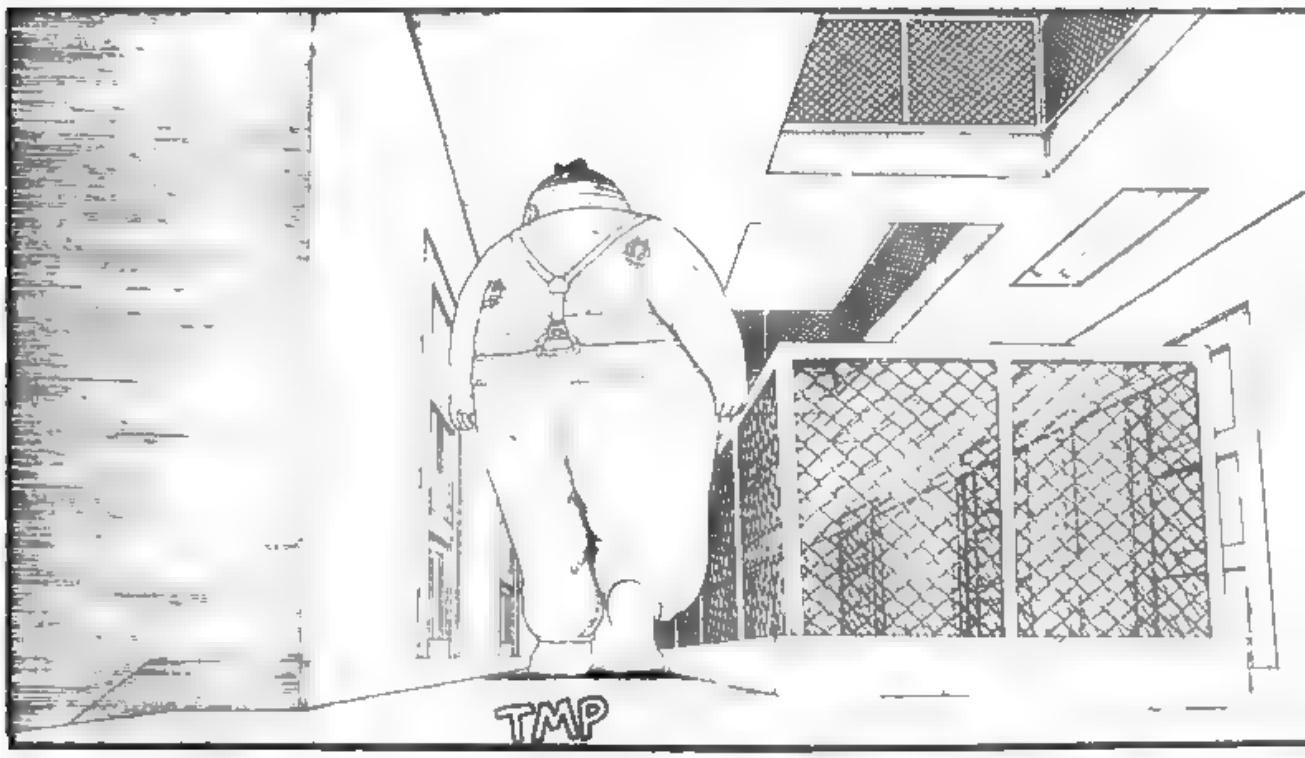
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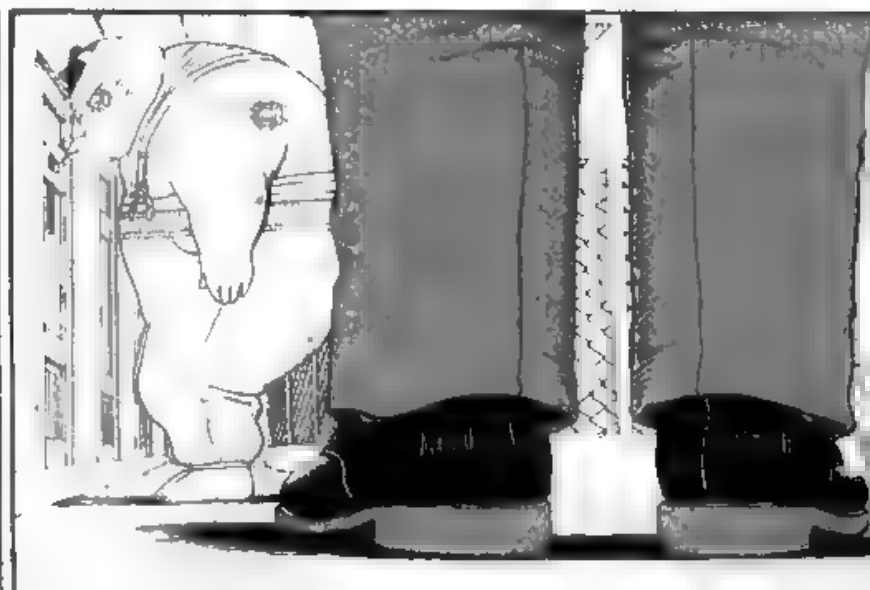
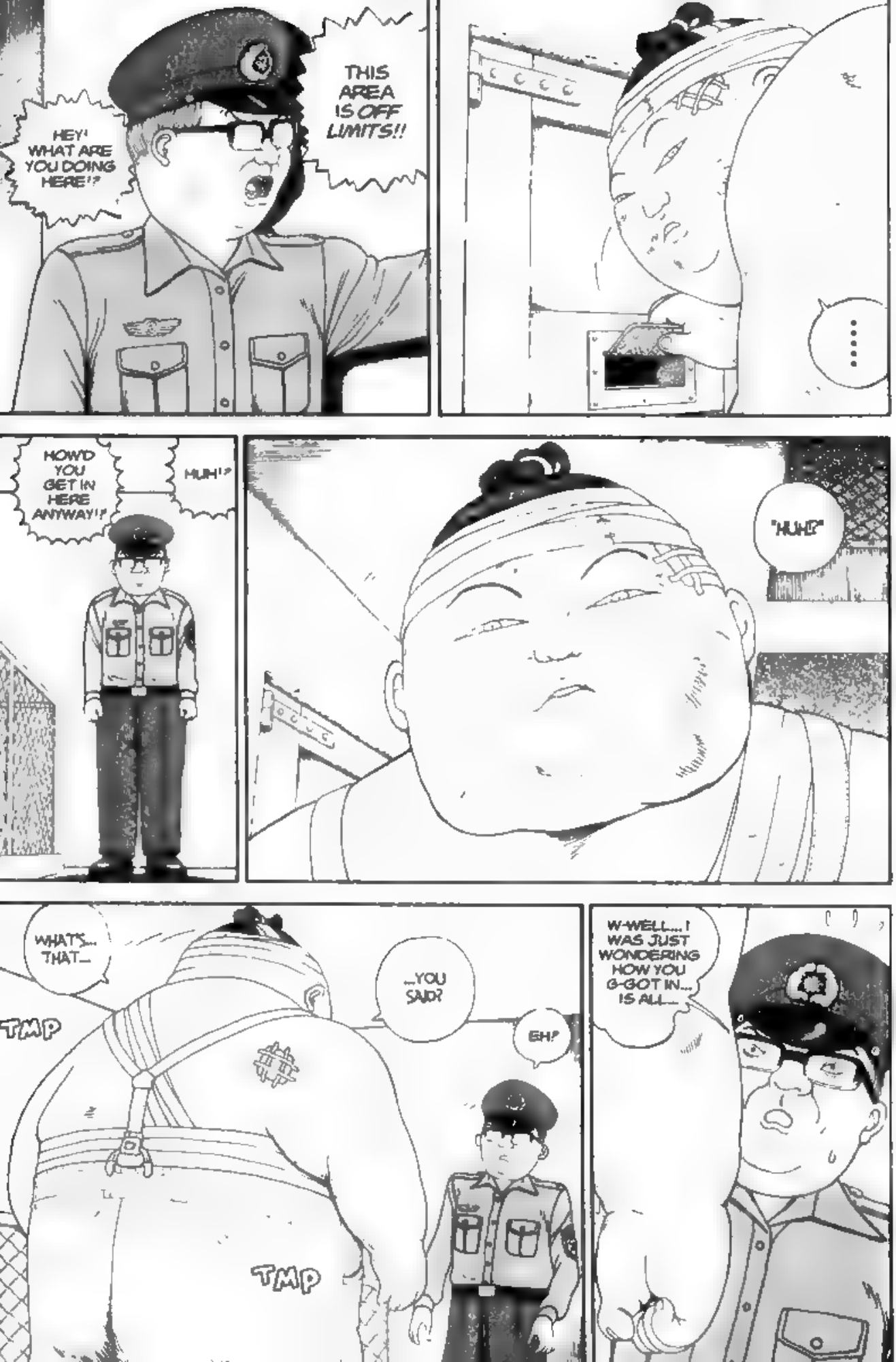
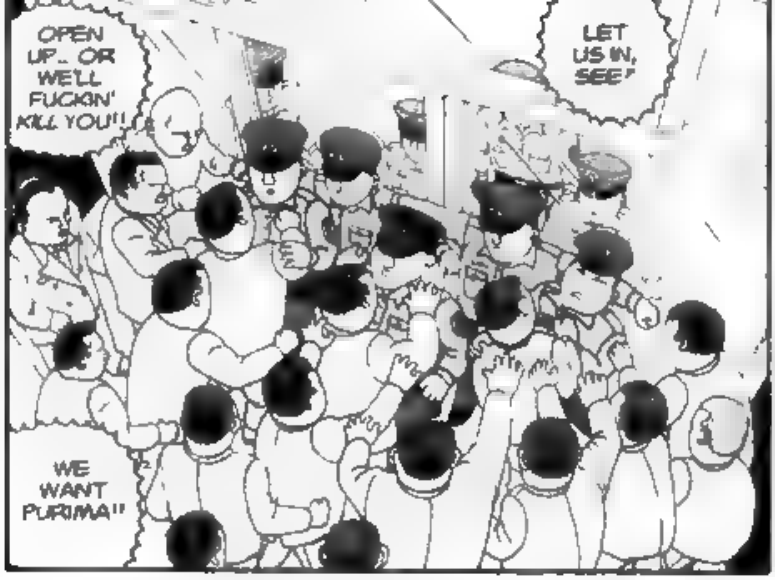
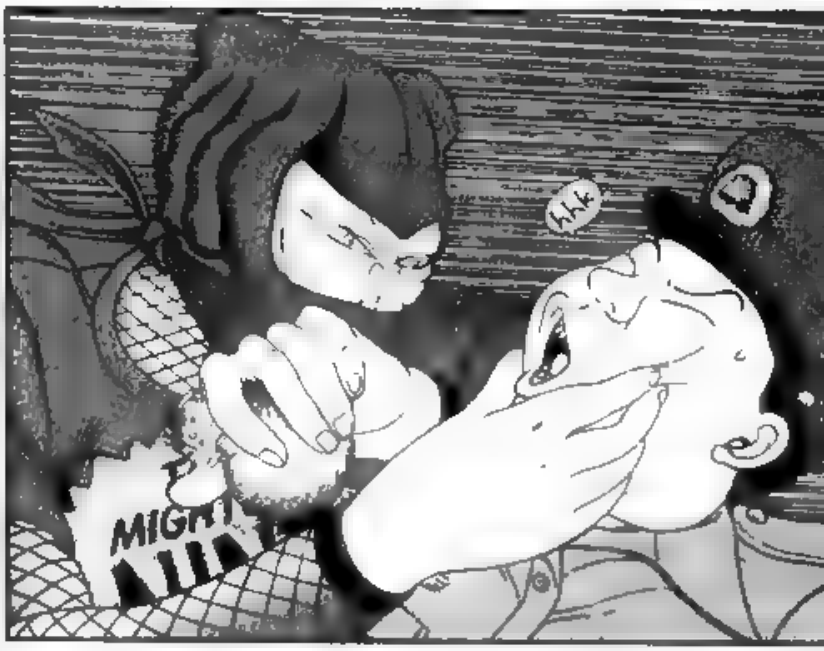



HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
THIS AREA IS OFF LIMITS!!
.....
HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE ANYWAY!?
HUH!?
"HUH?"
WHAT'S... THAT...
TMP
TMP
...YOU SAID?
EH?
W-WELL... I WAS JUST WONDERING HOW YOU G-GOT IN... IS ALL...


OPEN UP.. OR WE'LL FUCKIN' KILL YOU!!
LET US IN, SEE?
WE WANT PURIMA!!

DO NOT LET THEM IN!!
YES, SIR!!

FWOOSH
!?

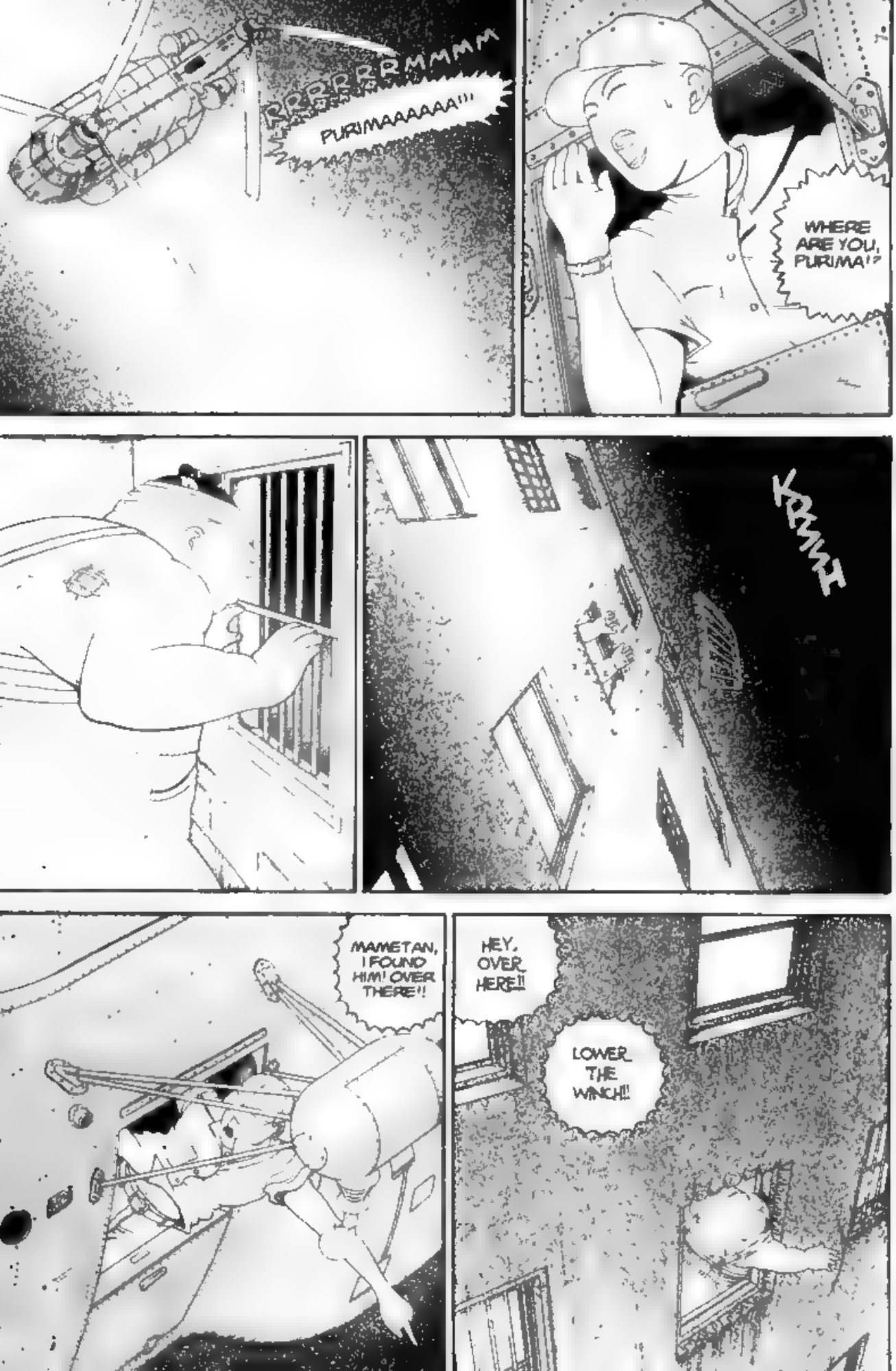

Hhk
MIGHT

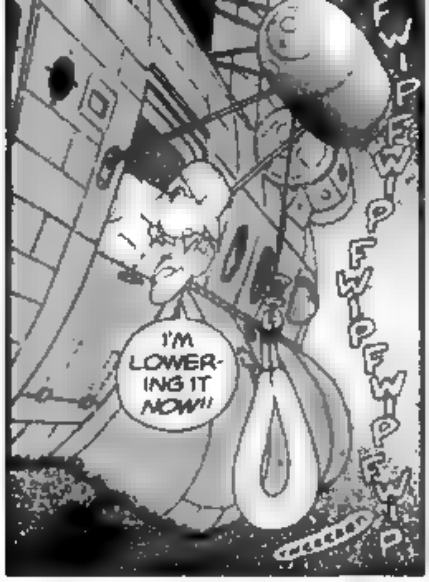
FWOOSH
??

WHAT DA HELL WAS DAT?
HE JUST CAME AND WENT... LIKE DA WIND!!
WHERE DA HELL'D HE GO!?

HEY, DIS PIG'S GOT A... OH...
...OH... HE... HE GOT A FUCKIN' APPLE IN HIS MOUTH!
GEDDOUDAHEAH' AMSCRAY!
TMPTMPTMPTMP
BLAMM

MY GOD! WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING—!?
FWSHNG
!?
A... A NINJA?
THMP
SLISH
KLAK
ahhhgh


RRRRRRMMMM
PURIMAAAAAA!!!
WHERE ARE YOU, PURIMA!?
KRMM
MAMETAN, I FOUND HIM! OVER THERE!!
HEY, OVER HERE!!
LOWER THE WINCH!!


I'M LOWERING IT NOW!!
FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP
wheeeee

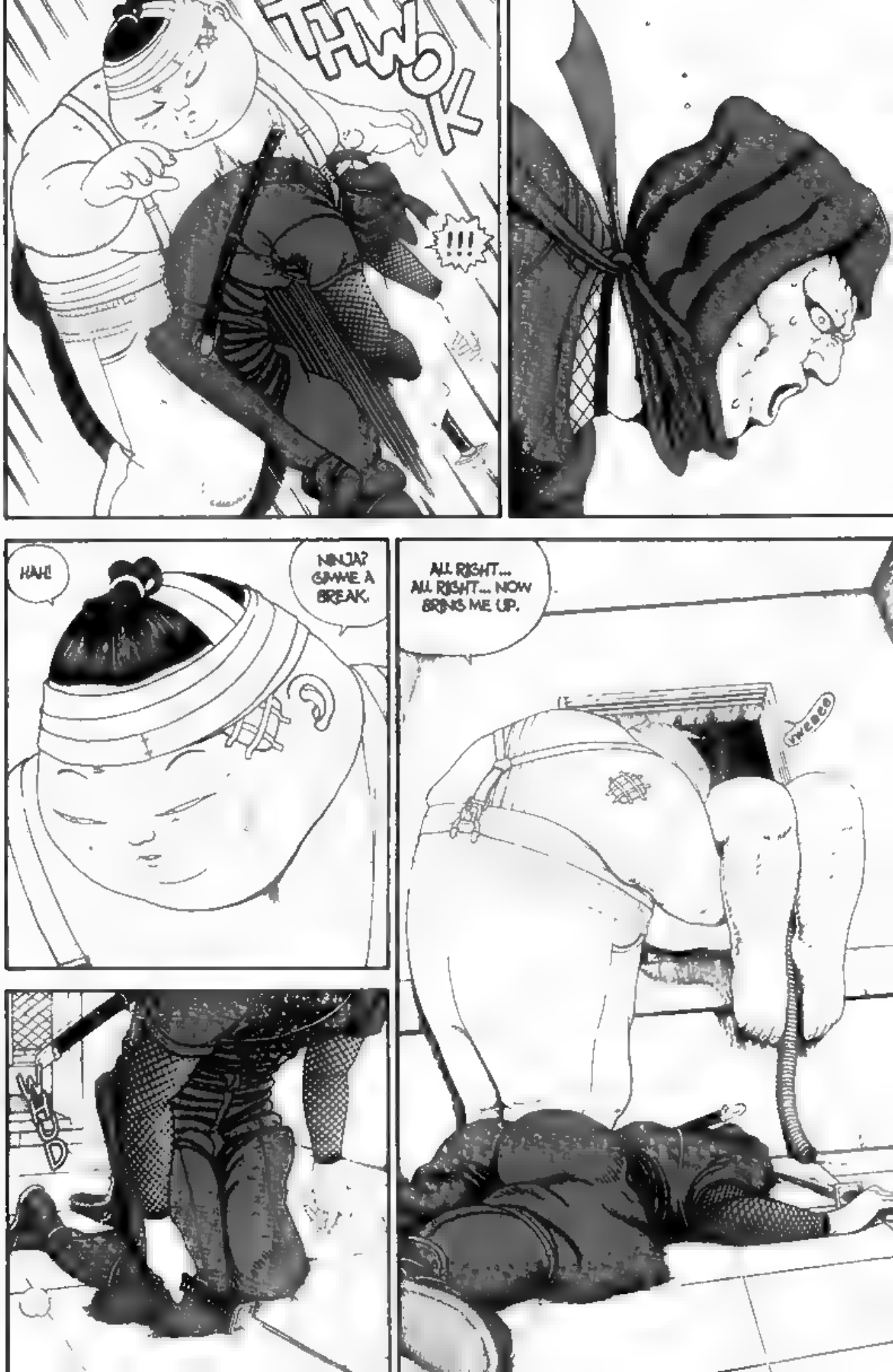
klik

FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP
ALL RIGHT, I'M READY!

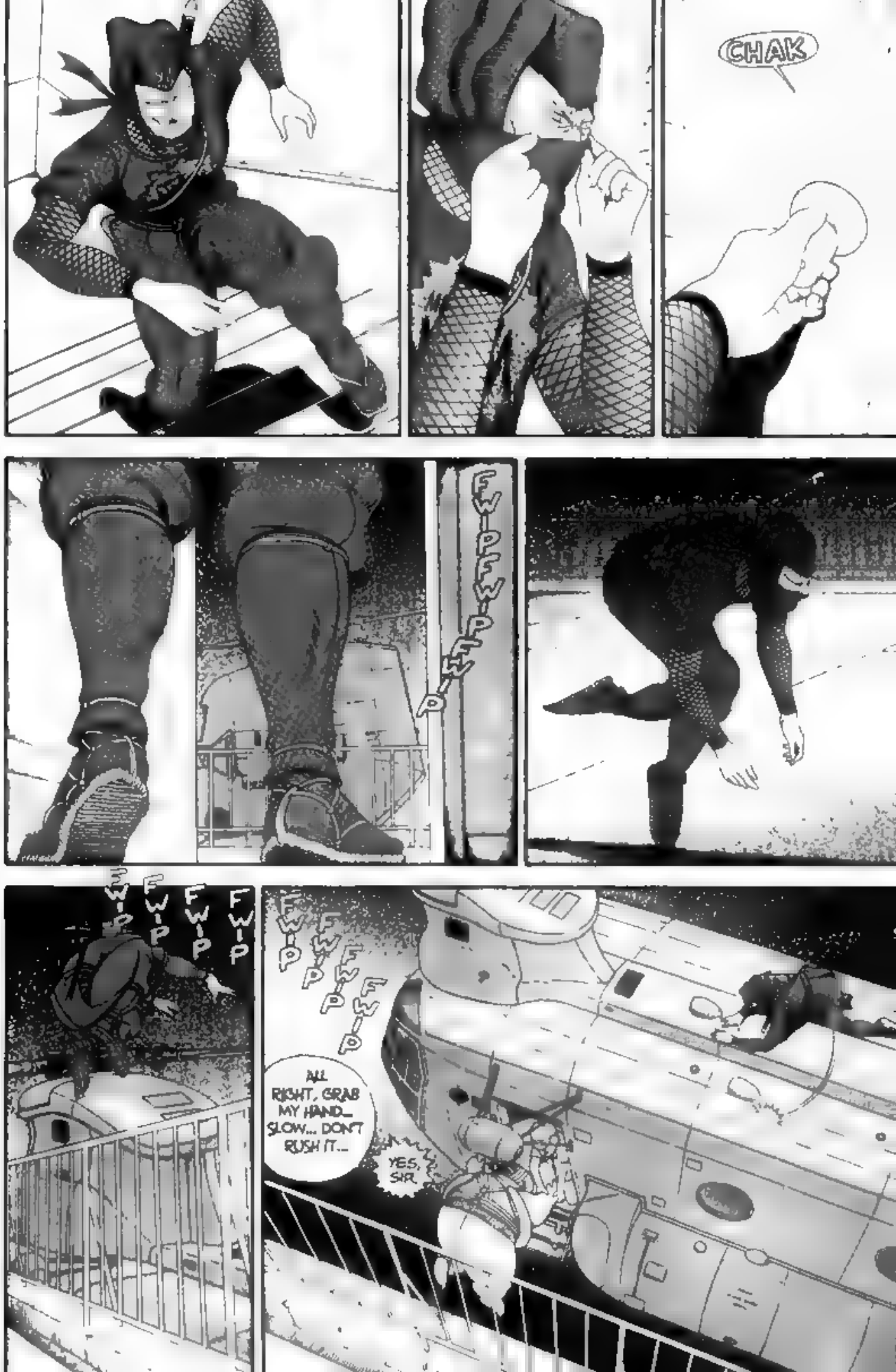
GET AWAY FROM BAKUNE...

HM?
wheeee

...
VWEEP
FSHH FSHHH FSHHH
MOVE AWAY... MORE...
I WON'T HURT YOU IF YOU STAY STILL
...
TWEEEE
FINALLY...
NOW THE GHOST OF SHIRO-YAMA...
...CAN BE AT REST!!
...
TWEEEE


FHWOK
!!!
HAH!
NINJA? GIMME A BREAK.
ALL RIGHT... ALL RIGHT... NOW BRING ME UP.
WEBBO
SLDD

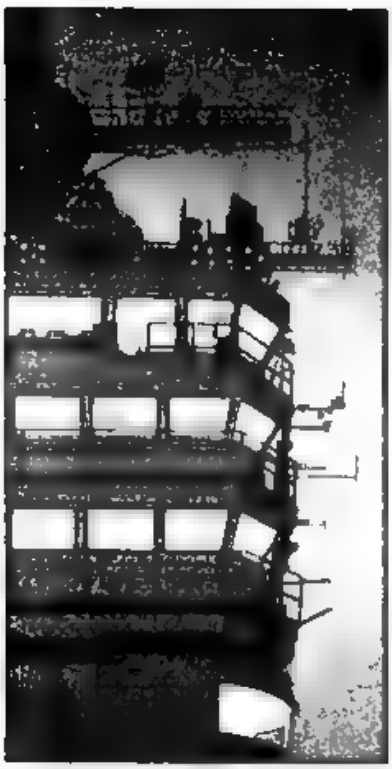
HUH?
WHAAAAAT!?
HEH?
PWEEEEEE
!!!
WHOOSH
OH~~~
SLOW. EASY! THIS LINE GONNA HOLD!?
FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP
JESUS...
WHA!?
EH?
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
WH~
WH~
HE CAME AND WENT...
...LIKE THE WIND!


CHAK
FWIPFWIPFWIP
FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP
FWIPFWIPFWIPFWIPFWIP
ALL RIGHT, GRAB MY HAND... SLOW... DON'T RUSH IT...
YES, SIR.

ARE YOU READY? I'M GOING TO DETACH YOU.
SURE.
...
YOUR WOUNDS... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THEY DID THIS TO HIM.
HUH?
THE COPS. THEY DID THIS TO YOU.
WHAT-EVER.
"WHAAA-DEVUH"?
"HUH"?
HEY! PURIMA!

HEYYYYYY!
CHAK
CAN YOU FLY US TO TOKYO?
HUH?
HEY! I'M DA ONE IN CHARGE HERE!!!
PU-PURIMA...
AND WHAT DA HELL ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS.
...THIS... MOTHER-FUCKER WIT' DA PENIS PUMP HERE?!
...

TMP
TMP
STOP LOOKIN' AT ME LIKE THAT!!
OR WHAT?
CHOMP
PU-PUROMA...
HEY, LIKE I SAID--FLY US TO TOKYO.
WHHHH
RRRRRRRRRRR
Y-YES, SIR!!!
RRRRRR
.....
HE RIGHT



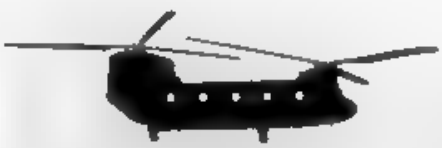
SPECIAL OFFICER..
WHAT IS IT?
WE ARE ALL PREPARED FOR ATTACK, SIR.

VERY WELL, THEN...
..AND TO THE CREW, OUR DESTINATION REMAINS CLASSIFIED!

AYE-AYE, SIR!!

CAPTAIN... MICH FIGURE ROM HISTORY O YOU ADMIRE MOST?
HM? WEL.. SEVERAL.
LET'S SEE..
NAPOLEON.. COLUMBUS...
GEORGE WASHINGTON.
THE TIME HAS COME WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE RANKED AMONG THEM.
HM?
??
TOMORROW THE WORLD SHALL TURN UPSIDE DOWN.
LISTEN.
WHEN THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST, IT SHALL BE A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN IN... IN..FAME-Y... FOR BOTH THE USA... AND JAPAN.
AND YOU WILL BE ITS LORD HIGH EXECUTIONER-- CAPTAIN MERCURY COUGAR.
!!

RRRRRRRRRMMMMMM



WE'RE APPROACHING THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

WE WILL ARRIVE AT NAGATA-CHO IN TWENTY MINUTES.

WORD.

YOSHIO, BRING ME THE TOOL BOX.

HUH? OH, YES.

...

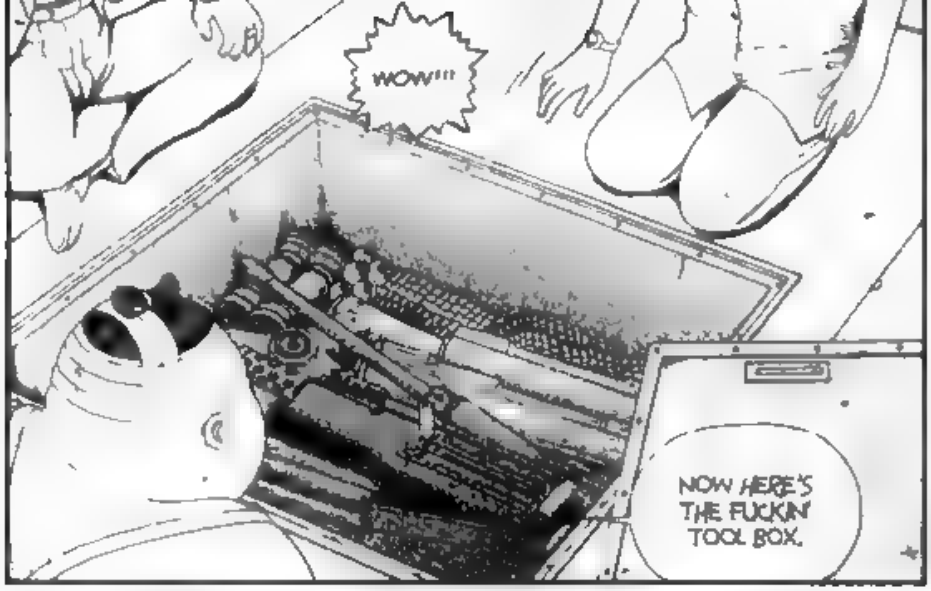
OPEN IT UP.

HERE IT IS.

KONK

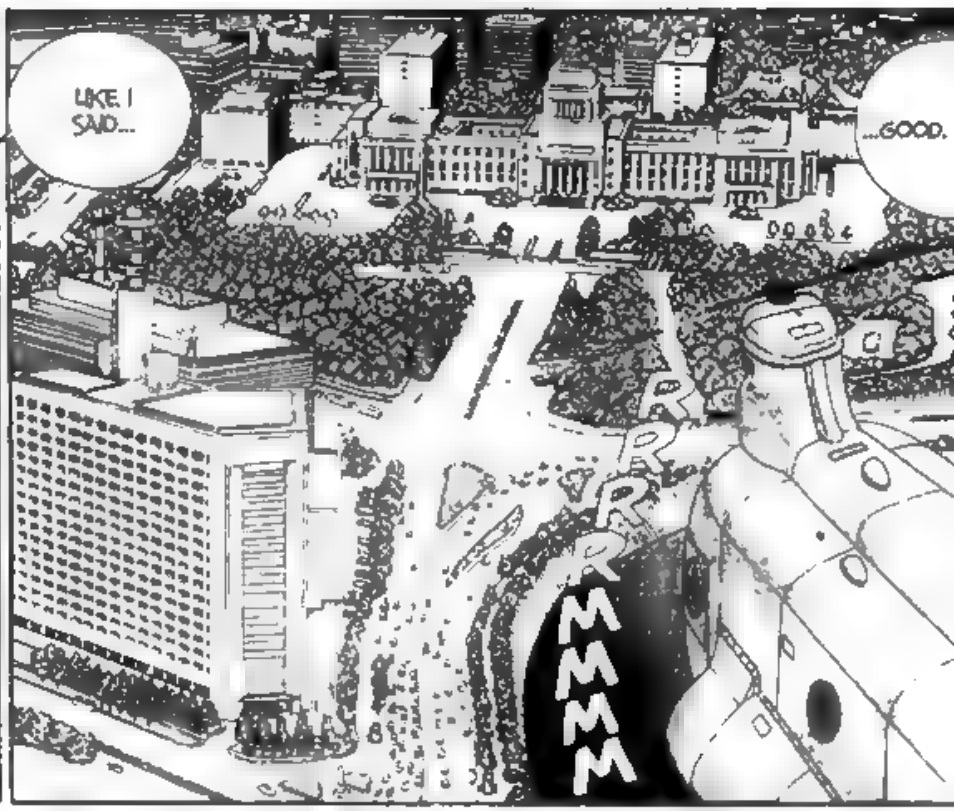
YOU MEAN THE FLOOR PANEL?

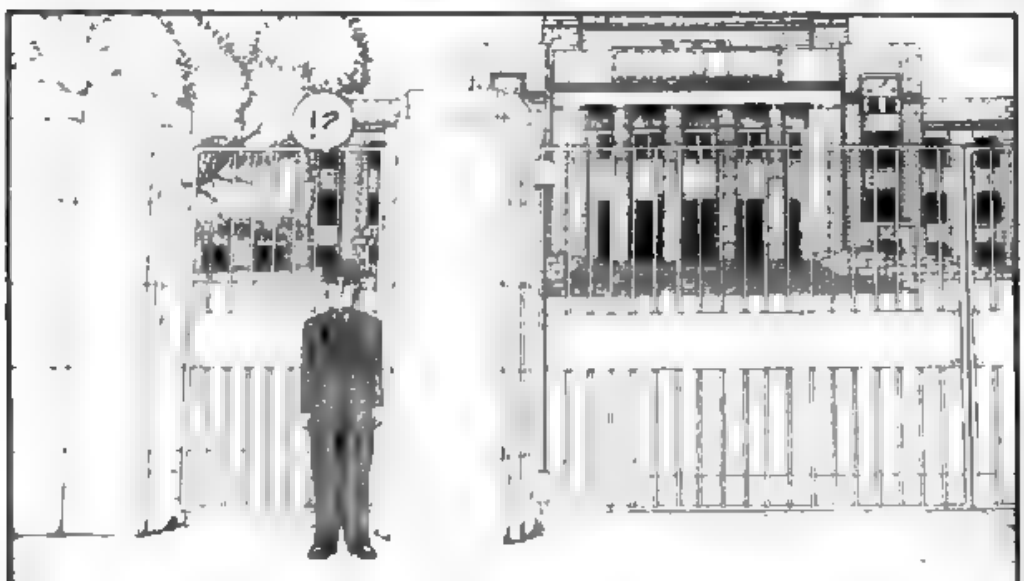
eeee


WOW!!!
NOW HERE'S THE FUCKIN' TOOL BOX.

THIS IS WHAT PURIMA STASHED AWAY FOR RENGE...?

WHAT YOU GONNA DO WITH THIS?


LIKE I SAID...
...GOOD.
MMMM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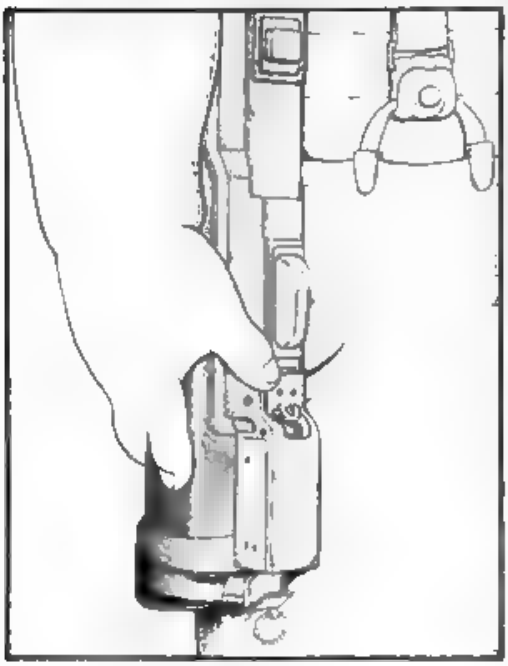
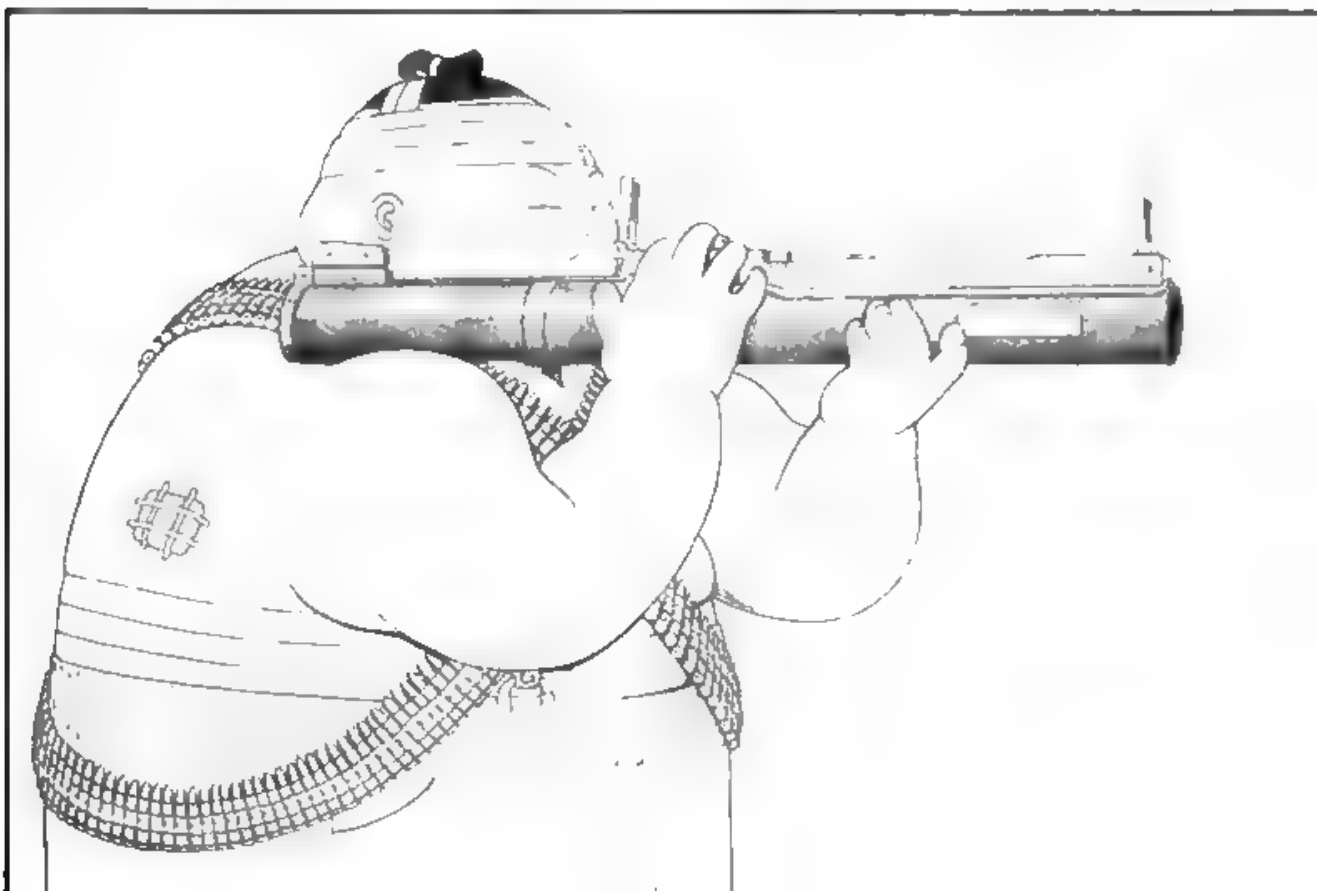
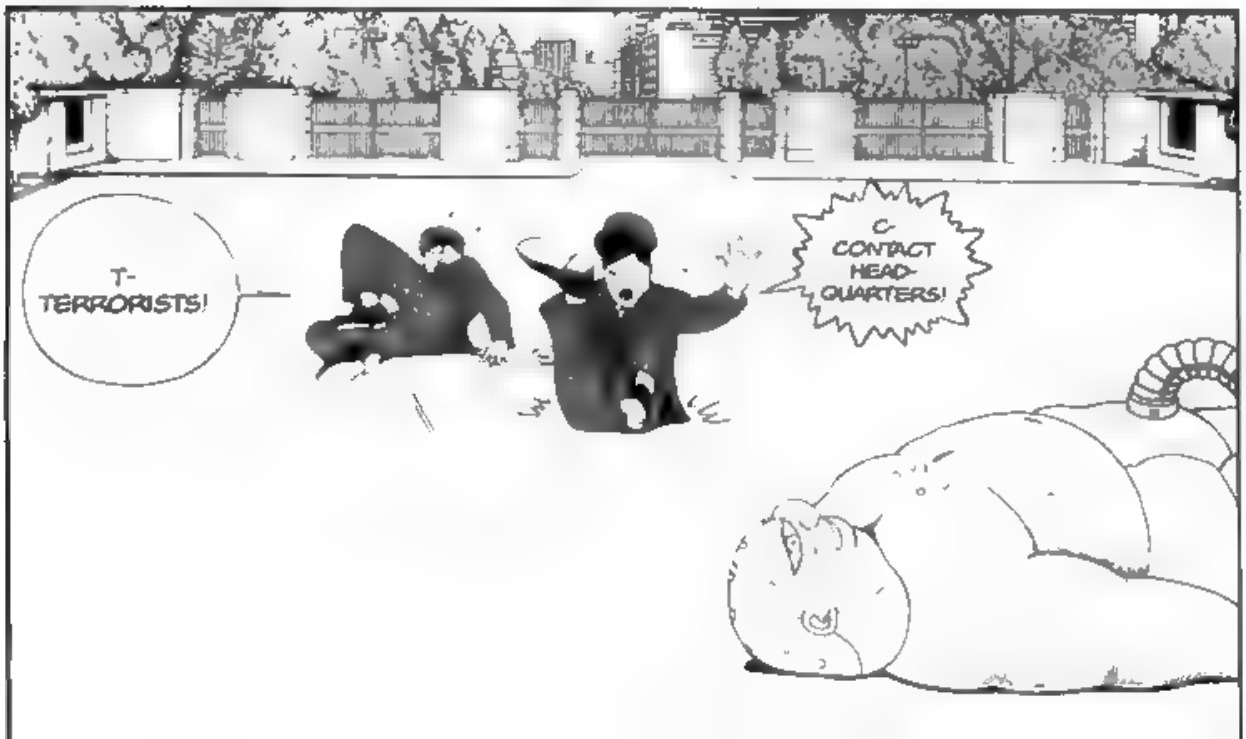
RRRRRRRRRR
YOU DON'T THINK THAT... HELICOPTER'S LANDING HERE...?
WHAT? NAH...
FWEEN FWEEN FWEEN
SEE? IT IS LANDING!
NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.
WOW...
FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP
THIS IS NOT GOOD!!
HEYYYYYY!!
ARE YOU CRAZY!? YOU DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO LAND HERE!!
whrrrrrrrr

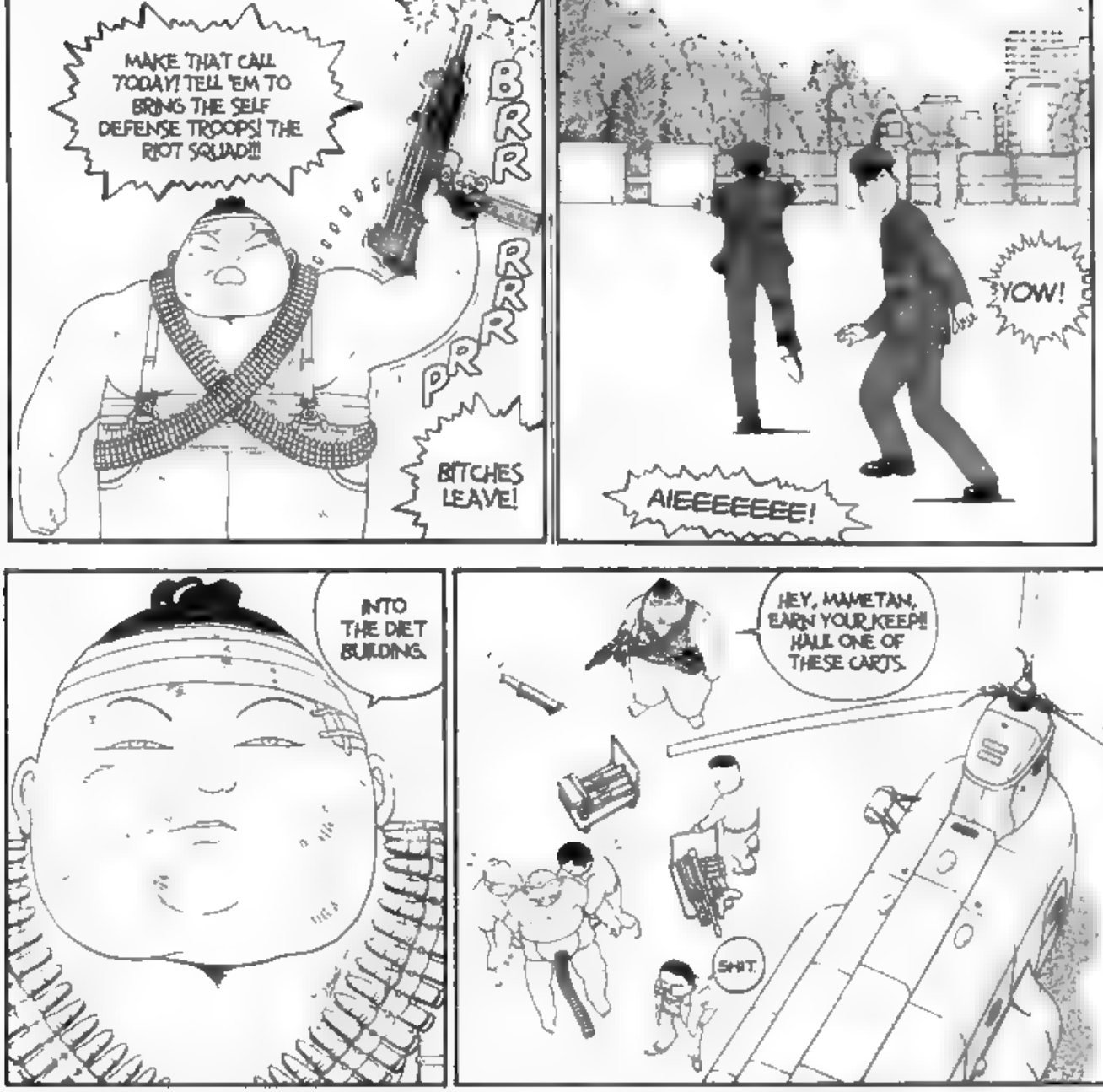




FWOOMF

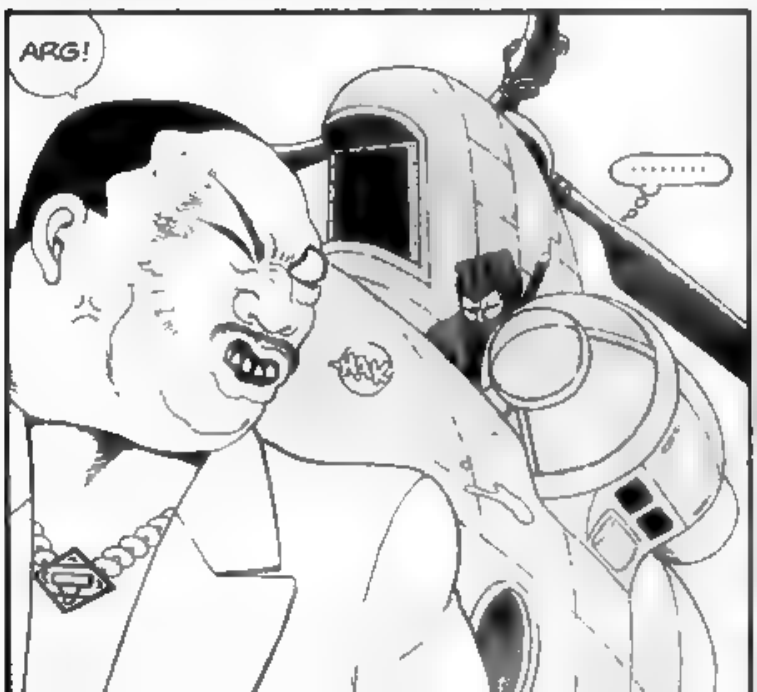
BLAMMMM


T-TERRORISTS!
CONTACT HEAD-QUARTERS!

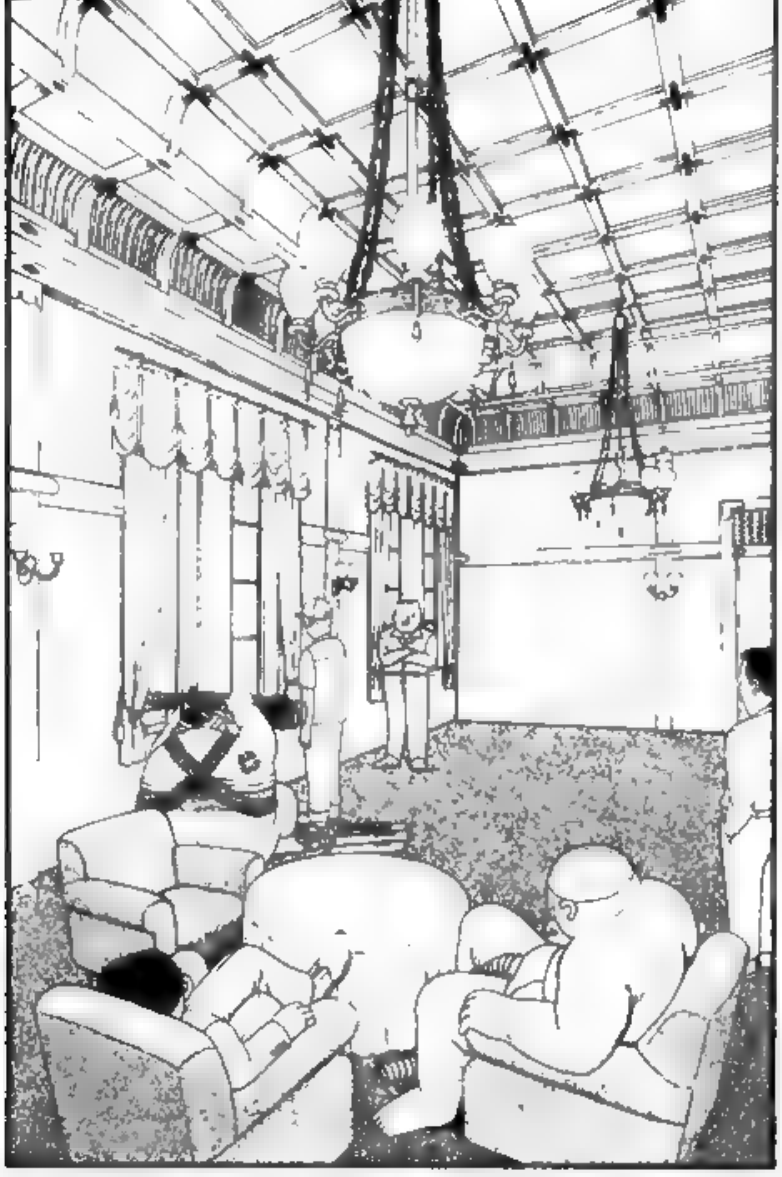

MAKE THAT CALL TODAY! TELL 'EM TO BRING THE SELF DEFENSE TROOPS! THE RIOT SQUAD!!!
BRRR
RRRR
PRRRR
BITCHES LEAVE!
YOW!
AIEEEEEEE!

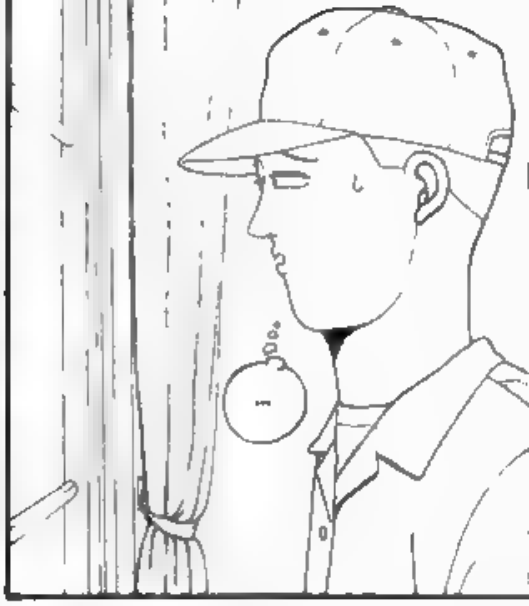

INTO THE DIET BUILDING.


HEY, MAMETAN, EARN YOUR KEEP!! HAUL ONE OF THESE CARTS.
SHIT.

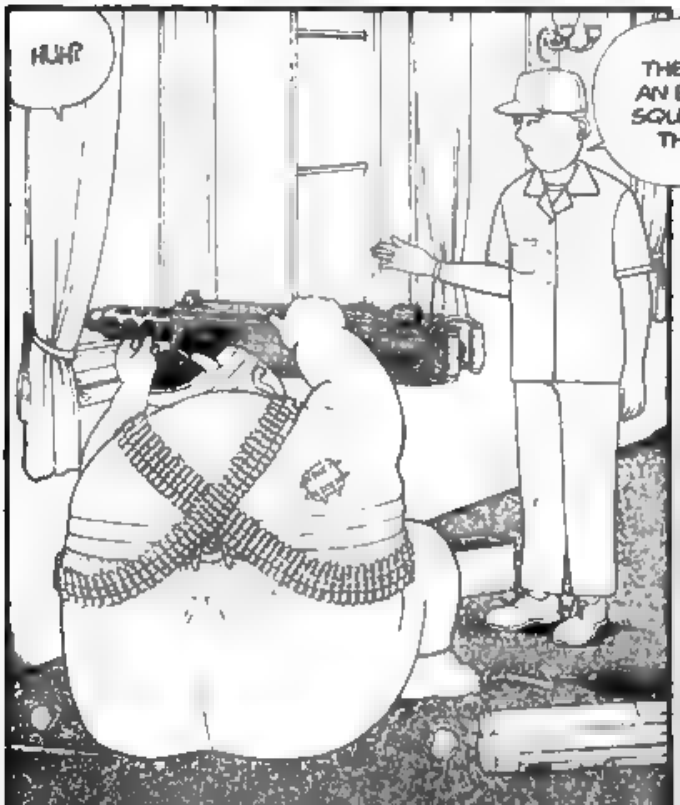

ARG!
.....

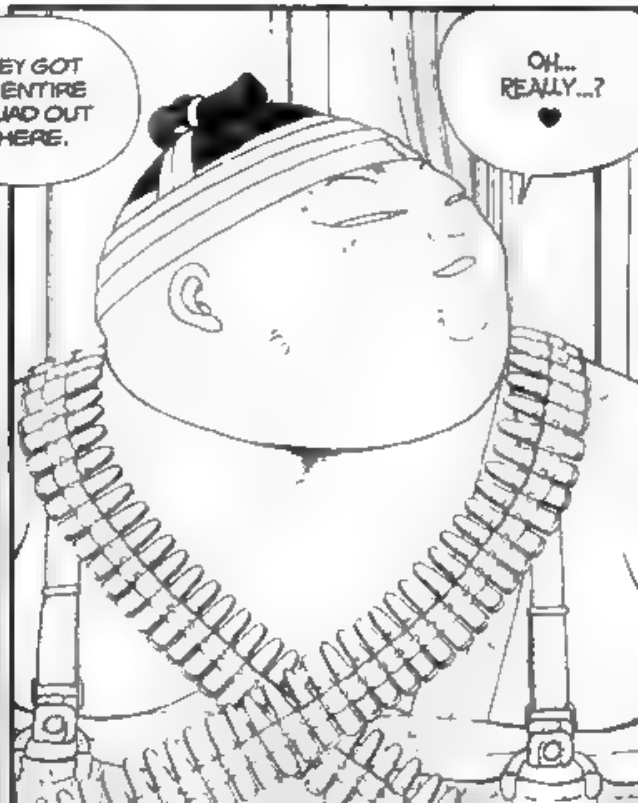
...
krich
krich
krich krich
krnch krnch
CHAK
ARG!
HAK





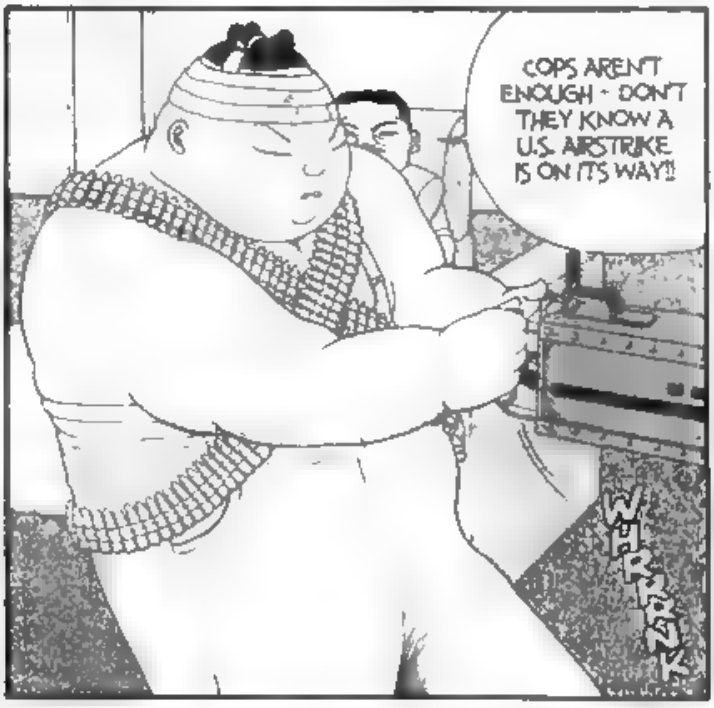
UH... UM... PURIMA...

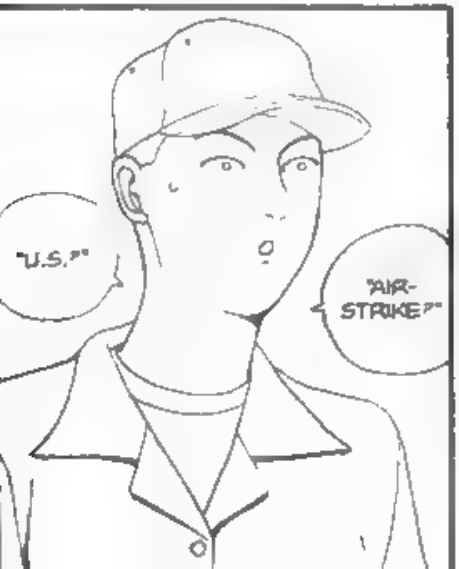

HUH?
THEY GOT AN ENTIRE SQUAD OUT THERE.


OH... REALLY...?

UNIT 1

FIVE HUNDRED AGENTS... COMIN' AFTER US...
mmmmmm
WELL, THAT WON'T DO. WE'LL NEED A LOT MORE.

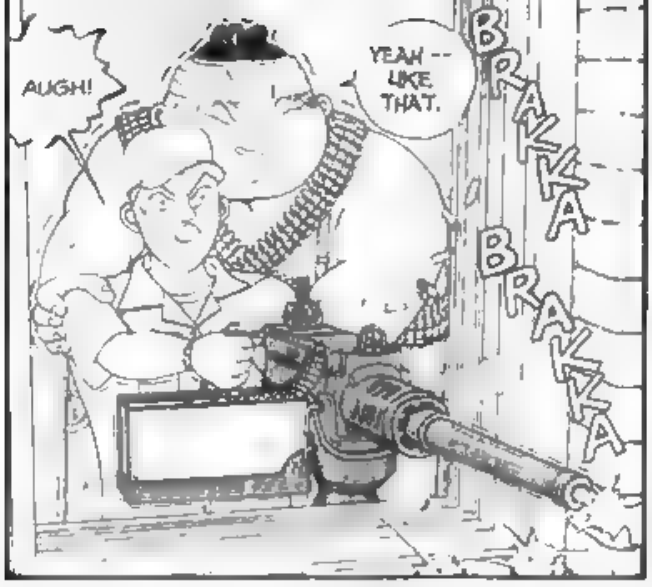

COPS AREN'T ENOUGH - DON'T THEY KNOW A U.S. AIRSTRIKE IS ON ITS WAY!!
WHRRRK

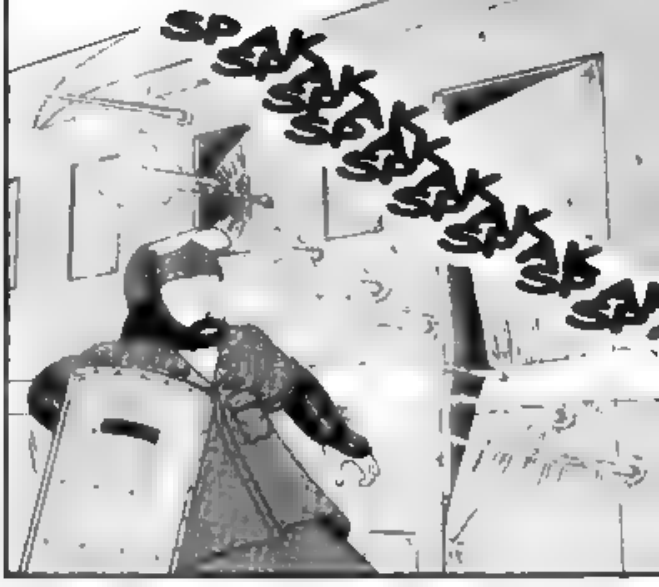

"U.S.?"
"AIR-STRIKE?"

YOU BASTARDS!!
THINK THAT'S ENOUGH TO TAKE ME IN!?

BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA
CALL IN THE SELF DEFENSE TROOPS!!!
I SAID THE SDF!!!
SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK
I ALWAYS LOVED THAT CHOPPER.
BUH
WHAMM
I WANNA SEE TANKS!
HEEHEEHEEHEE
HE'S INSANE. WE'LL NEVER ESCAPE NOW.

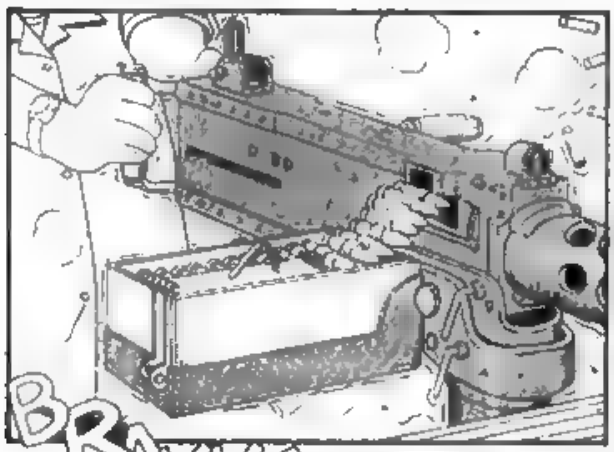
YOSHIO -- WHY DON'T YOU FIRE OFF A FEW?
HUH?
O-OH.. N-NOW...
I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE A G-GOOD IDEA..
TAKE IT EASY, KID! I'M NOT SAYING YOU SHOULD KILL ANYONE.
SEE THAT PADDY WAGON OVER THERE? NO ONE'S INSIDE. THAT'S YOUR TARGET
B-BUT.. THERE ARE PEOPLE ALL AROUND...
DON'T BE A GLOOMY GUS. OK, NO SHOOTING. BUT TRY THE GRIP. IT'S FUN.
O-OH NO, I'D RATHER NOT.
TRY THE FUCKIN' GRIP!
O-OKAY THEN..
YOU GOT IT. JUST HOLD THE GRIP WITH BOTH HANDS.
LI-LIKE THIS?
AND THEN YOU PRESS... HERE.
TNK
HEY!!


AUGH!
YEAH -- LIKE THAT.
BRAKKA BRAKKA


SPAKKA SPAKKA SPAKKA SPAKKA SPAKKA

BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA

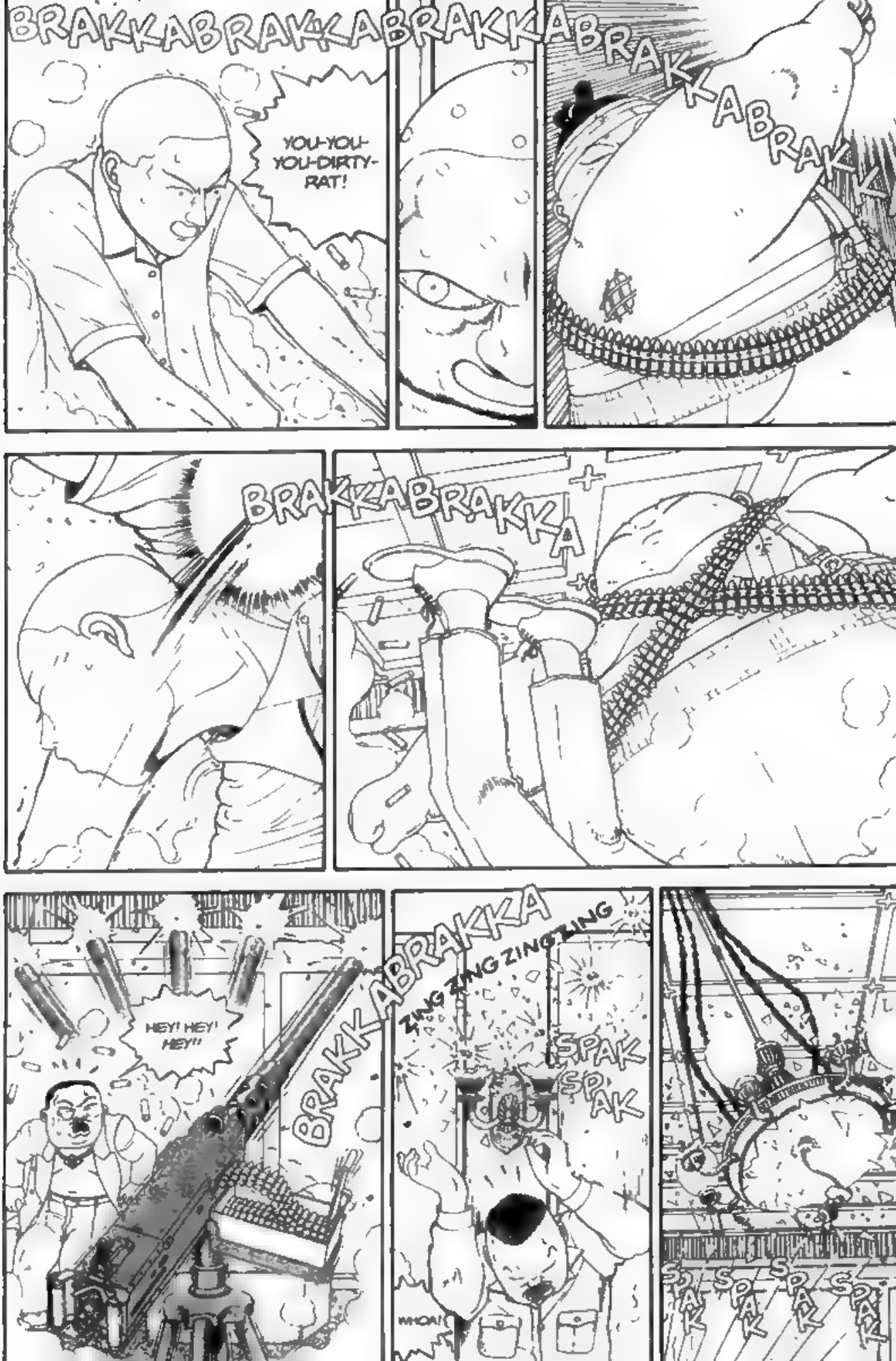
FALL BACK! FALL BACK!
pooshhh
SPAKKA SPAKKA SPAKKA SPAKKA KRRRRSH



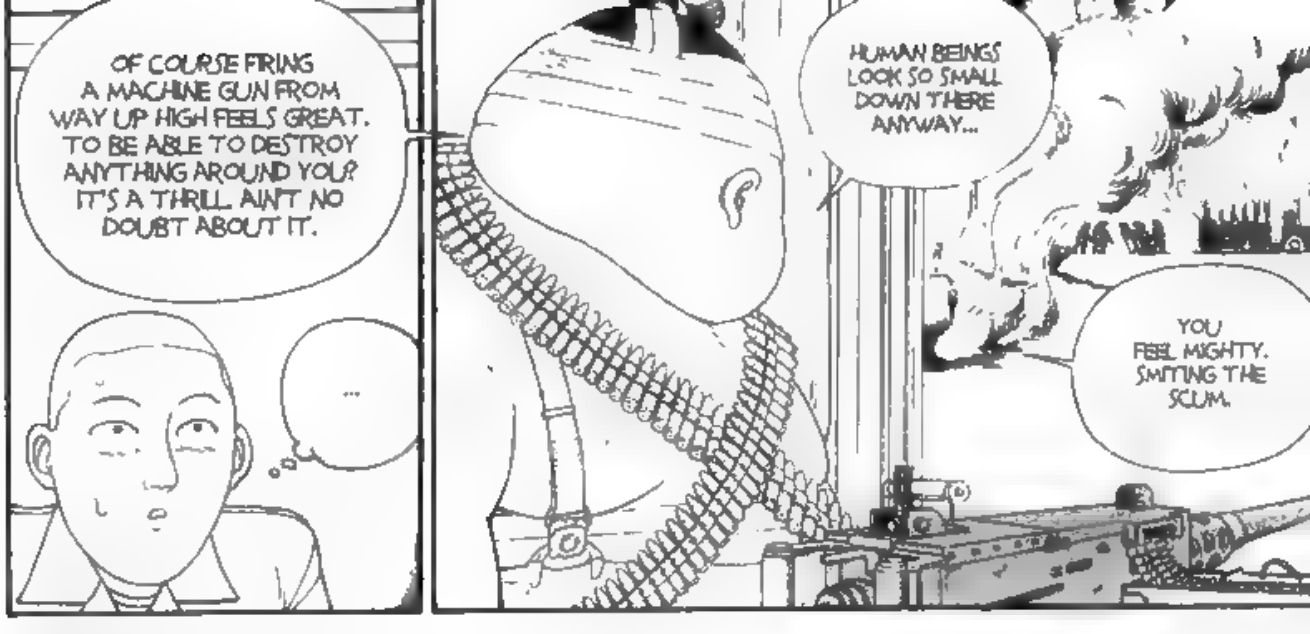
BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA
whap

FHHHRRRRRRRMP

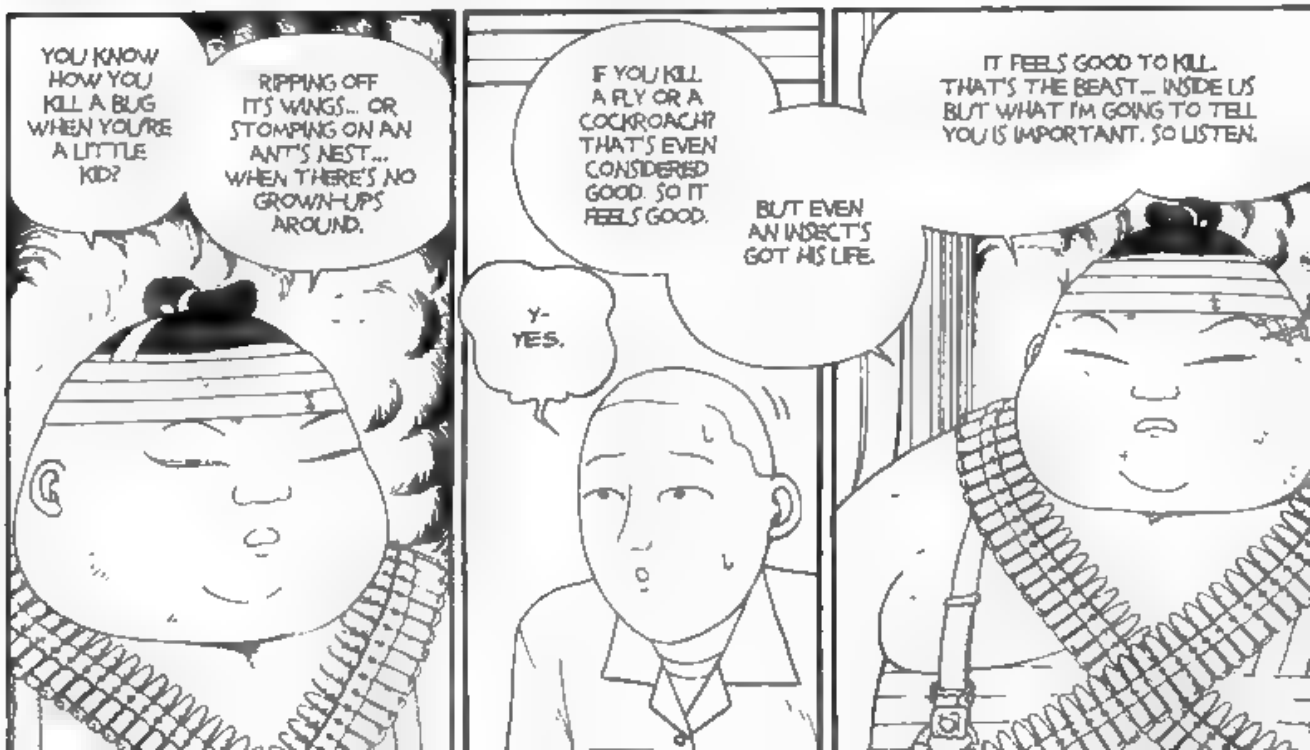
krrkl krrkl krrkl
AIEEEE...
hee hee
HEF HEF
HEF HEF
krich
!!
AWESOME...
.....
IT'S TOTALLY AWESOME, PURIMA!!!
BRRKKABRRAKKA
BRAKKA
EEEEEEEEE!
HA! HA! THAT'S RIGHT! RUN! RUN!
VIP VIP VIP VIP VIP


BRAKKABRAKKABRAKKABRAK
KABRAKK
YOU-YOU-YOU-DIRTY-RAT!
BRAKKABRAKKA
HEY! HEY! HEY!!
BRAKKABRAKKA
ZING ZING ZING ZING
SPAK SPAK
WHOA!
SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK

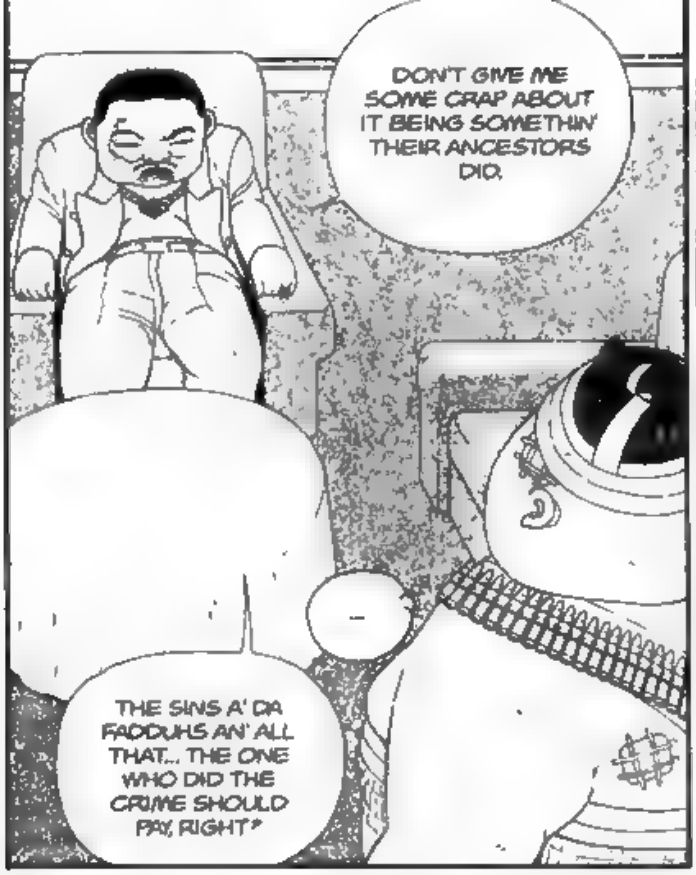
BRAKK
GRP
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
...
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
I-I'M SO SORRY..
JUST GOT CARRIED AWAY, I GUESS.
TOLD YOU WE WEREN'T HERE TO HURT PEOPLE.
I-I JUST WANTED TO SCARE HIM OFF.
OH, I'M S-SO SORRY!!
I KNOW... I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SHOOT ANYONE!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, KID. FELT GOOD THOUGH, HUH?
IT'S ALL RIGHT
HM?

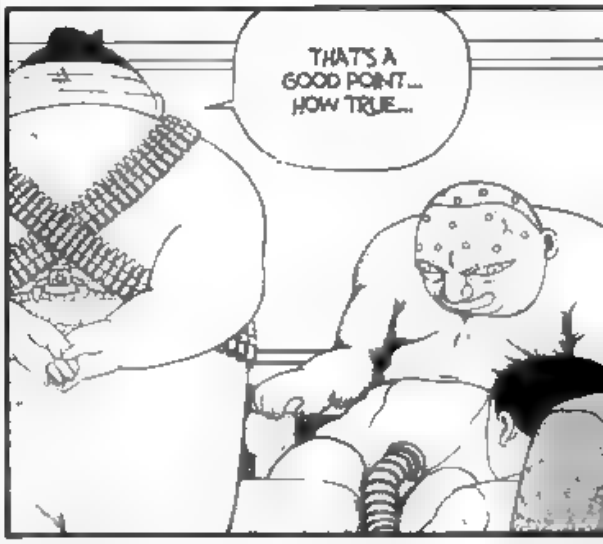

OF COURSE FRING A MACHINE GUN FROM WAY UP HIGH FEELS GREAT. TO BE ABLE TO DESTROY ANYTHING AROUND YOU? IT'S A THRILL. AIN'T NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
...
HUMAN BEINGS LOOK SO SMALL DOWN THERE ANYWAY...
YOU FEEL MIGHTY. SMITING THE SCUM.

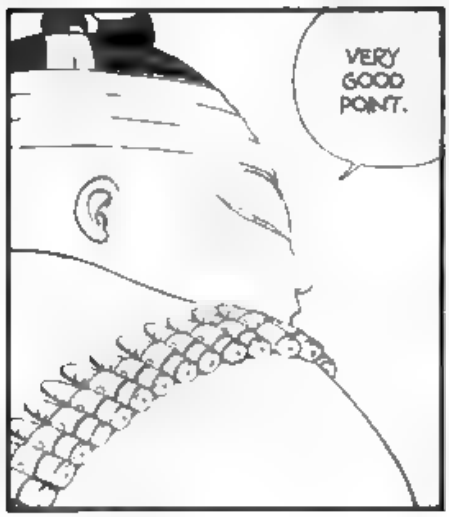
YOU CALLED HIM A RAT, DIDN'T YOU? VERMIN.
O-OH... I'M SORRY, I JUST LOST CONTROL
IT'S NOTHIN' TO BE ASHAMED OF. SEE, ALL IT TAKES IS A LITTLE NUDGE. AND MOST PEOPLE LOSE CONTROL WHEN THEY'RE GIVEN SOME REAL POWER...
WHAP
...THEY GET CRUEL.


YOU KNOW HOW YOU KILL A BUG WHEN YOU'RE A LITTLE KID?
RIPPING OFF IT'S WINGS... OR STOMPING ON AN ANT'S NEST... WHEN THERE'S NO GROWN-UPS AROUND.
IF YOU KILL A FLY OR A COCKROACH? THAT'S EVEN CONSIDERED GOOD. SO IT FEELS GOOD.
BUT EVEN AN INSECT'S GOT HIS LIFE.
Y-YES.
IT FEELS GOOD TO KILL. THAT'S THE BEAST... INSIDE US BUT WHAT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU IS IMPORTANT. SO LISTEN.

THE SINS YOU DO TWO BY TWO... YOU PAY FOR ONE BY FUCKING ONE.
LOOK AT THAT PATHETIC LUMP THAT WAS ONCE FEARED AS BAKUNE YOUNG... SEE, THAT'S THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE.
...
YOU MEAN... DIVINE RETRI-BUTION.
YOU GOT IT. IT'S A COISE I TELLS YA. GOD IS WATCHING FROM THE HEAVENS, AN' DON'T YOU FORGET IT.
...
OKAY... WHAT ABOUT...
...ALL THE GOOD CITIZENS WHO END UP IN ACCIDENTS... OR GET WASTED BY SOME DISEASE... OR JUST GET BORN CRIPPLED?
IS THAT *ALSO* BAD KARMA?
WHAT ABOUT *THEM*?
HM?
...

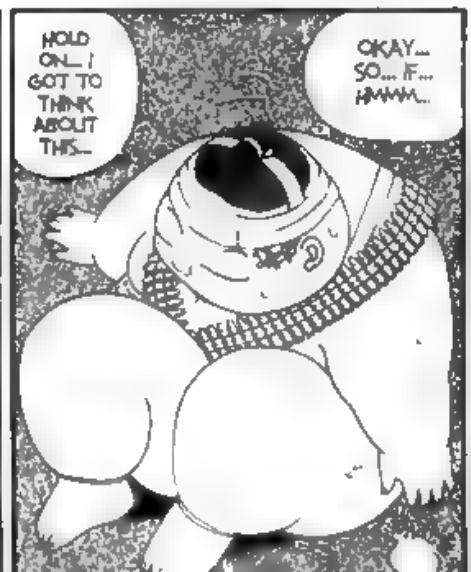

DON'T GIVE ME SOME CRAP ABOUT IT BEING SOMETHIN' THEIR ANCESTORS DID.
THE SINS A' DA FADDUHS AN' ALL THAT... THE ONE WHO DID THE CRIME SHOULD PAY, RIGHT?

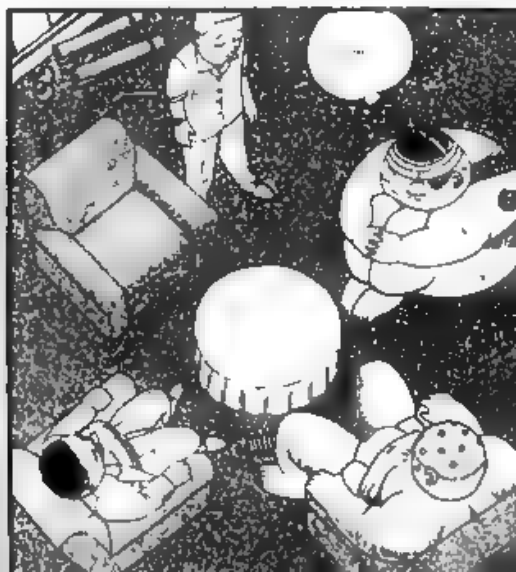

THAT'S A GOOD POINT... HOW TRUE...


VERY GOOD POINT.

THERE ARE PEOPLE EVEN WORSE OFF THAN HIM...
...SO THEN WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

IT DON'T MEAN SHIT.


HOLD ON... I GOT TO THINK ABOUT THIS...
OKAY... SO... IF... HMMM...

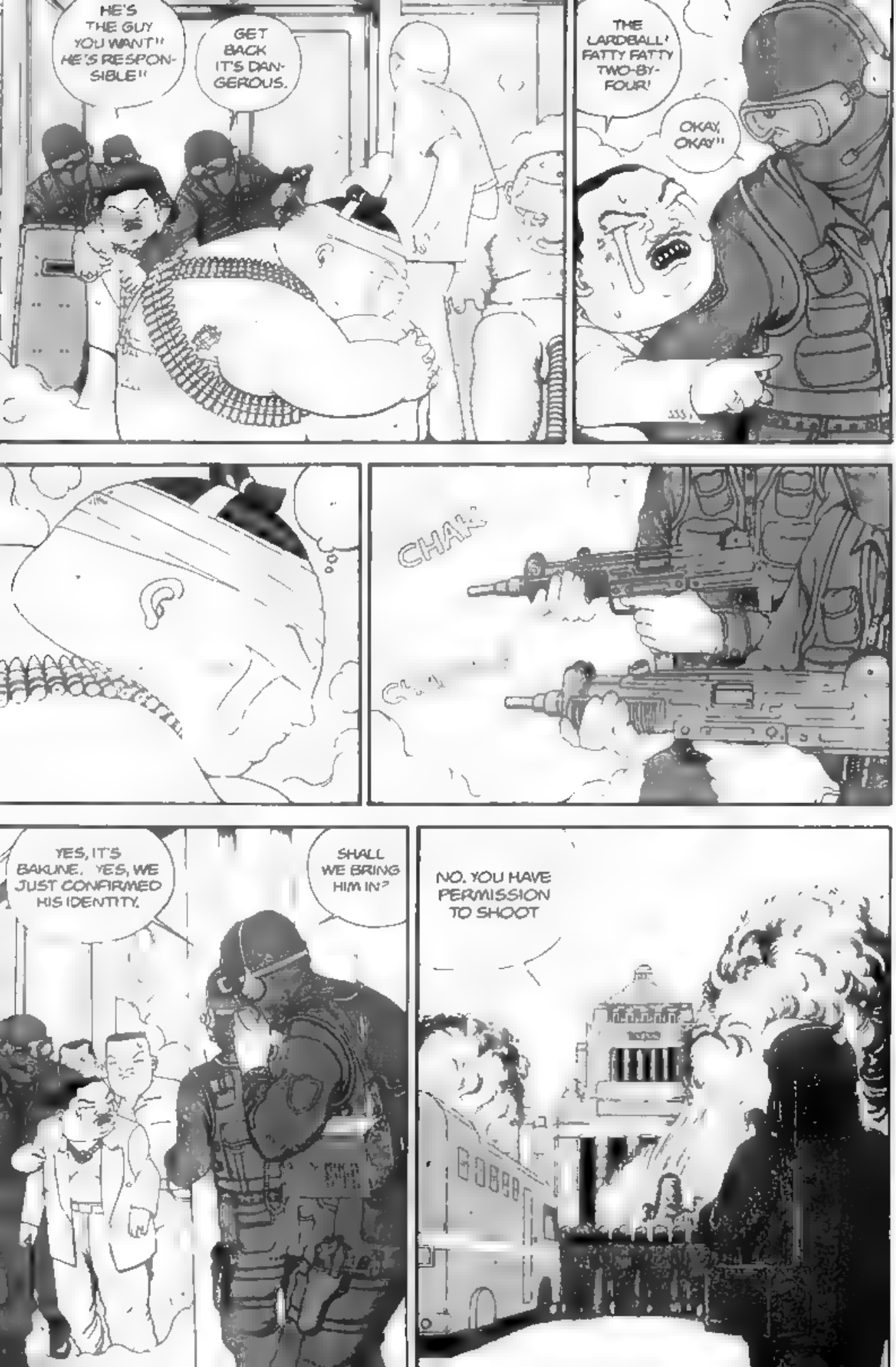


HMMM... WELL... NO... MAYBE?... MMM...
THERE HE GOES. MUMBLIN' TO HIMSELF AGAIN. HE'S REALLY LOST HIS MIND.
I MEAN, GOD? THAT'S JUST SOMETHIN' THEY MADE UP TO BRAINWASH PEOPLE.
I ONCE READ A BOOK WHERE THE PROTAGONIST COMMITTED CRIMES TO SEE IF GOD EXISTED...
BECAUSE IF THERE WAS A GOD, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN PUNISHED. SO WHAT HAPPENED AT THE END? WAS THERE A GOD?
WELL... UH...
I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER... I'M SORRY...
MMM... NO... F... BUT...
YOU KNOW THE COSMIC QUESTION I'M INTERESTED IN? EXACTLY HOW AND WHEN PURIMA WENT APESHIT.
YEAH-- REALLY.
F... THEN...

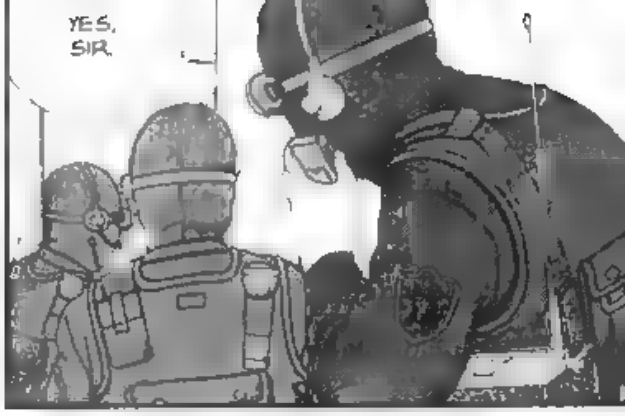
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE CEASED FIRE...
ARE THE SQUADS READY TO ATTACK?
YES SIR
AREA "B" SQUAD READY, SIR!!
AREA "C" SQUAD READY, SIR!!
STAND BY TO FIRE TEAR GAS!!

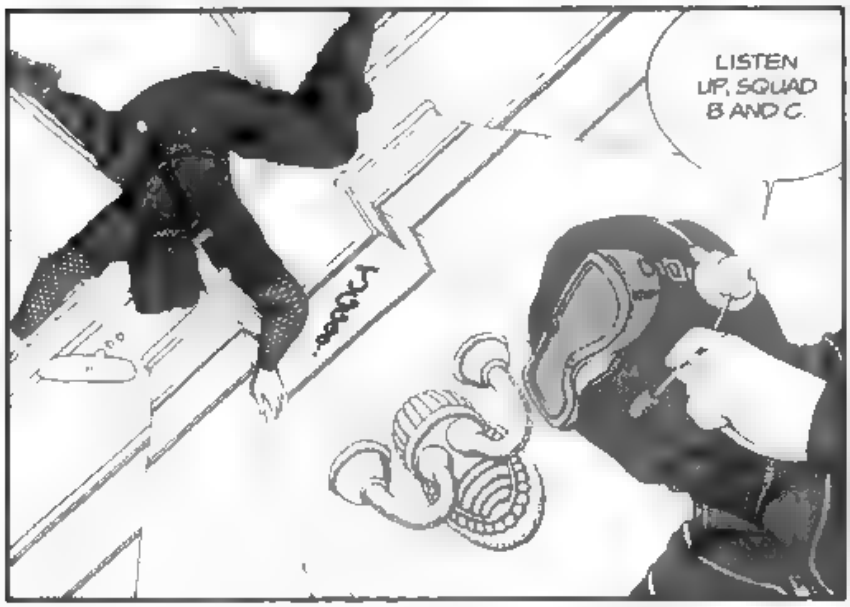
FIRE!!
FWOOMF
FWOOMF
!?
NOW WHAT THE FUCK!?
KRRSH
KRRSH
KRRSH
tunk
tunk
TEAR GAS!!
LET'S GEDDOUDA-HEAH!!
WHAT ABOUT PURIMA!?
WHO CARES!!
HEY!!

SHIT! WE'RE TRAPPED!!
HOLD ON!! DON'T SHOOT! DO NOT SHOOT!! WE'RE INNOCENT!
WE AIN'T RESPONSIBLE HERE! WE'RE INNOCENT! TELLS YA. WE NEED YOU TO PROTECT US!
THE BAD GUY'S THAT FATSO IN DERE!!
PURIMA!! HEY, PURIMA!!
THE POLICE!! THE POLICE ARE COMING!!
.....


HE'S THE GUY YOU WANT!! HE'S RESPONSIBLE!!
GET BACK IT'S DANGEROUS.
THE LARDBALL! FATTY FATTY TWO-BY-FOUR!
OKAY, OKAY!!
CHAK
YES, IT'S BAKUNE. YES, WE JUST CONFIRMED HIS IDENTITY.
SHALL WE BRING HIM IN?
NO. YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO SHOOT
COBRA

IT'D BE BETTER TO USE THIS CHAOS TO KILL HIM OFF.


YES, SIR.


LISTEN UP, SQUAD B AND C.

FWISH

FZZT

!!
PHUP-PHUP

SLISH
THE MIGHTY
URRRR~
THE MIGHTY

SHWACK

FFJZK

!!
FWAK

AIEEE!

ARGH!
KRICH

AAAAAAA!!
FFJZK

hff
hff
hff
hff

!!!
AAAAHG!!
PUNT
fweeeeeee
WHAM
!?
...
ALL UNITS, STAND BY...

MOVE IN!!
!!
ARE YOU THE ONE!?
HUH?
M-ME?
CHAK

SHIT--
BLAMM
CAPTAIN, HE WASN'T RESPON SIBLE!!
HUH?
S- SIR!!
WH- WHY YOU...
BLAMM
BLAMM
WELL, I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE NOW BUT TO KILL EVERYONE...
Y- YES SIR...

MAMETAN...

IT'S ALL OVER...

ALL RIGHT THEN.

PURIMA!! OUR MEN WERE KILLED BY THE COPS!! WE'RE NEXT!!

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT TO THE END NOW!!

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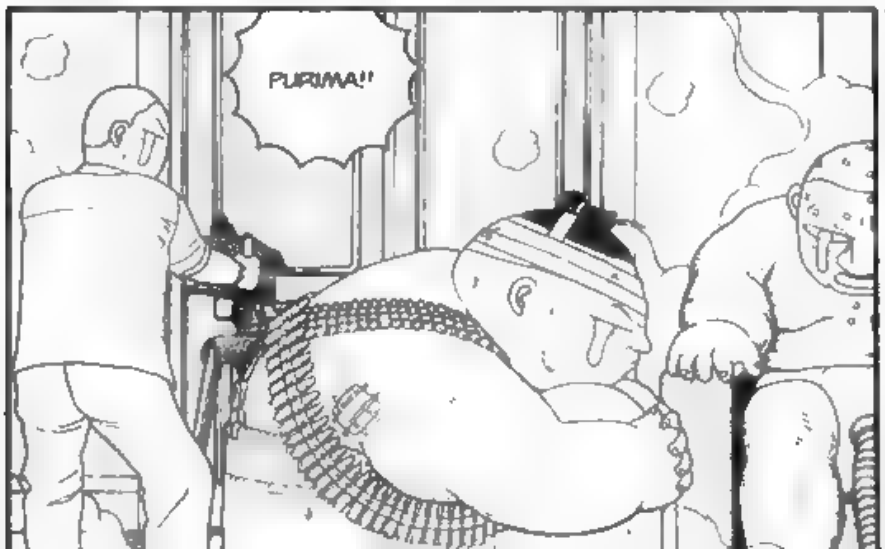
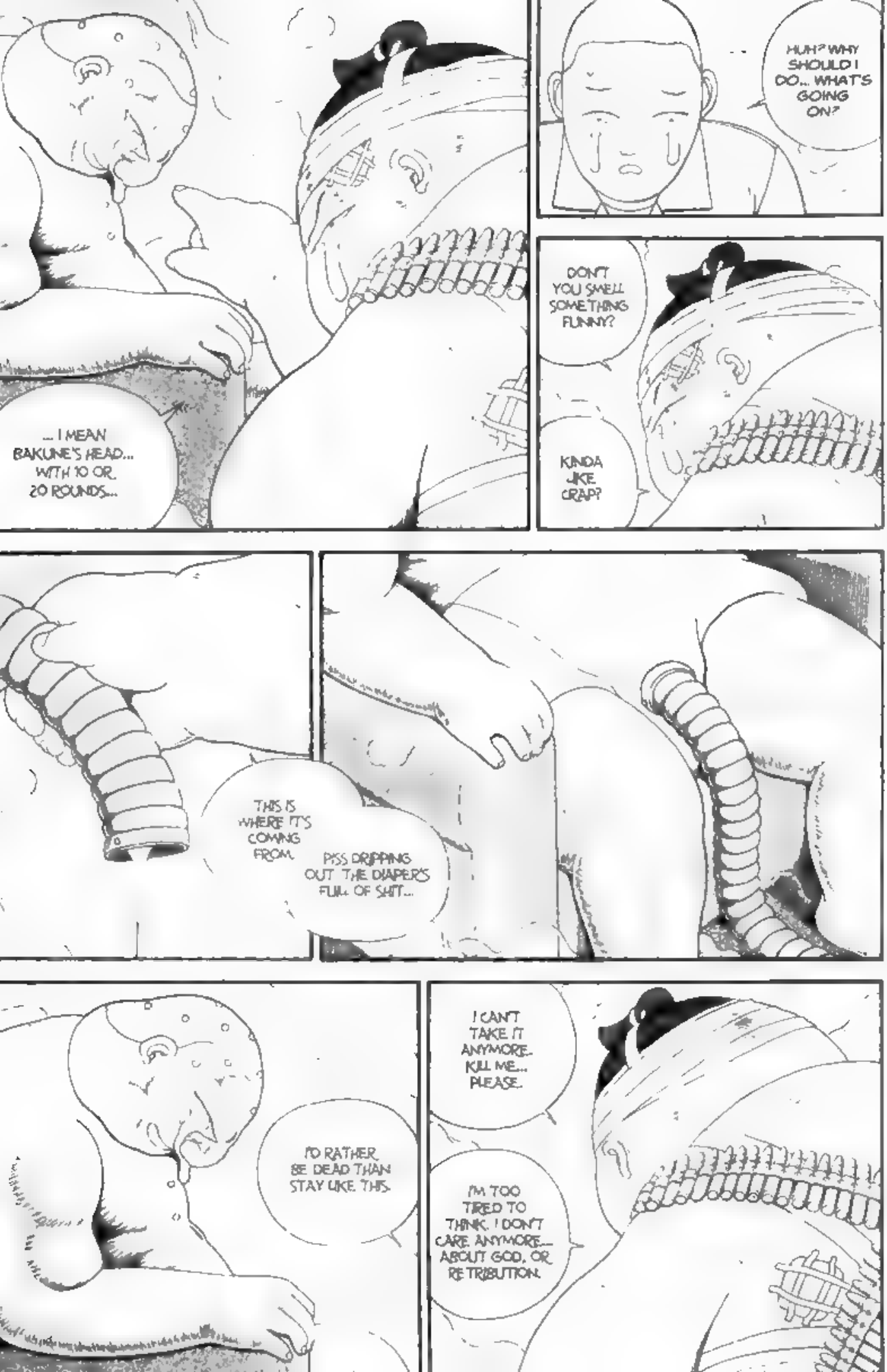
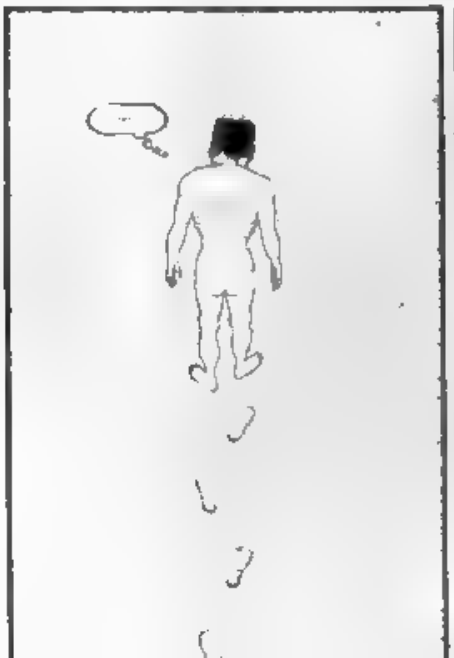

PURIMA!!

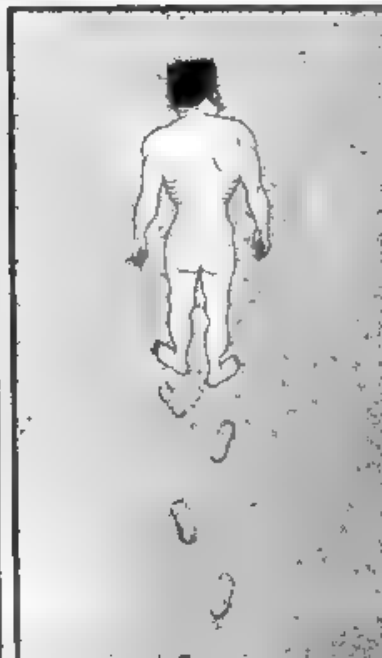
YOSHIO... CAN YOU TAKE THAT MACHINE GUN...
...AND PLUS MY HEAD... NO...

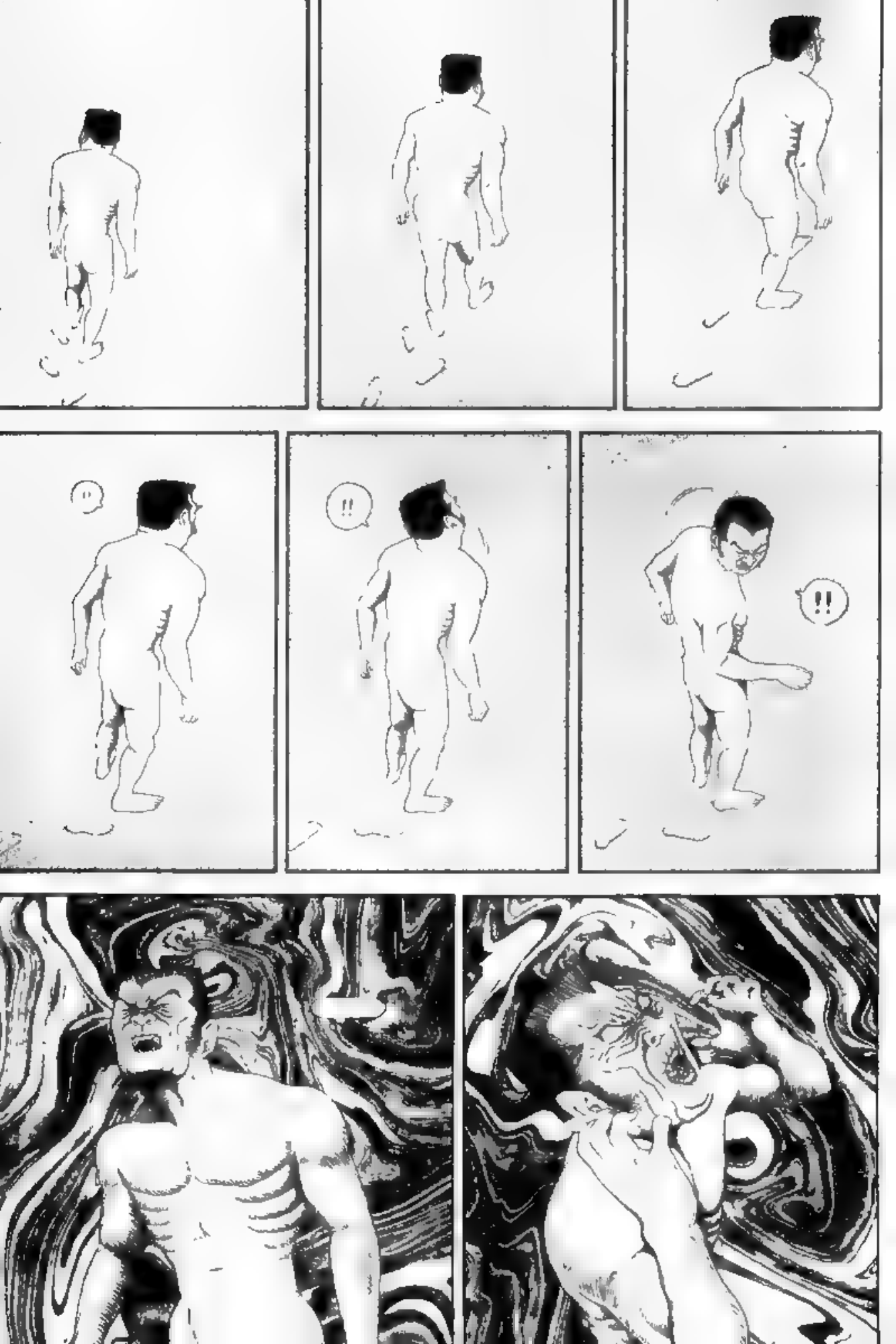

... I MEAN BAKUNE'S HEAD... WITH 10 OR 20 ROUNDS...
HUH? WHY SHOULD I DO... WHAT'S GOING ON?
DON'T YOU SMELL SOMETHING FUNNY?
KINDA LIKE CRAP?
THIS IS WHERE IT'S COMING FROM.
PISS DRIPPING OUT THE DIAPER'S FULL OF SHIT...
I'D RATHER BE DEAD THAN STAY LIKE THIS.
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE. KILL ME... PLEASE.
I'M TOO TIRED TO THINK. I DON'T CARE ANYMORE... ABOUT GOD, OR RETRIBUTION.

TOKING
THAT IS MY TASK...
NINJA MAN, HUH...
I FEEL A LITTLE FUNNY ABOUT YOU BEING MY KILLER...

YOU KILLING ME... WOULD MEAN SHIROYAMA'S KILLED ME... RIGHT?
THAT IS CORRECT... I AM SHIROYAMA... SHIROYAMA IS ME...
HIS PAIN IS MY PAIN...
BECAUSE OF THIS BASTARD HERE, SHIROYAMA'S SOUL... COULD NOT LEAVE THIS WORLD IN PEACE...
FWOOSH
...AND HE REMAINS.. WANDERING...



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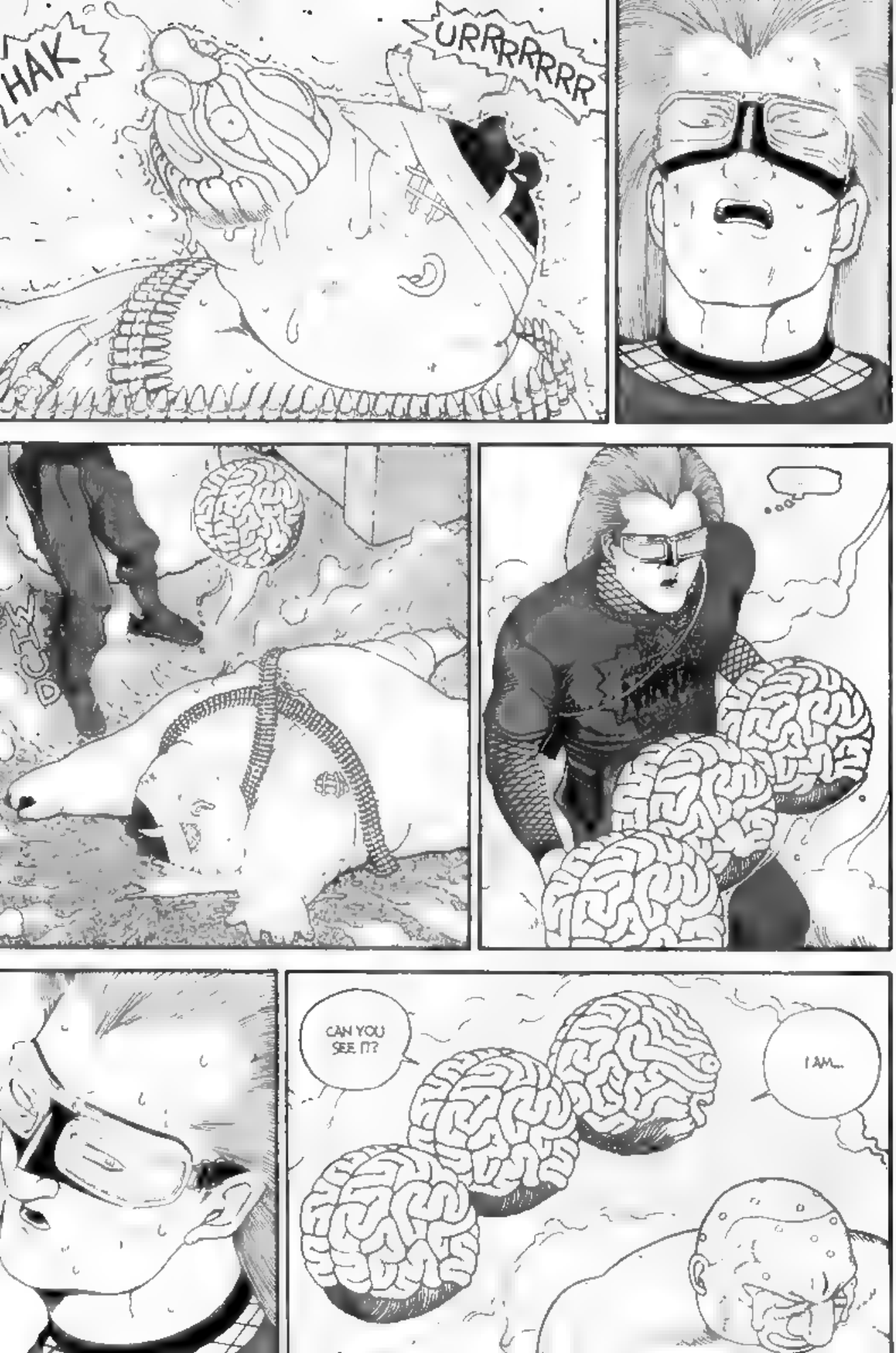
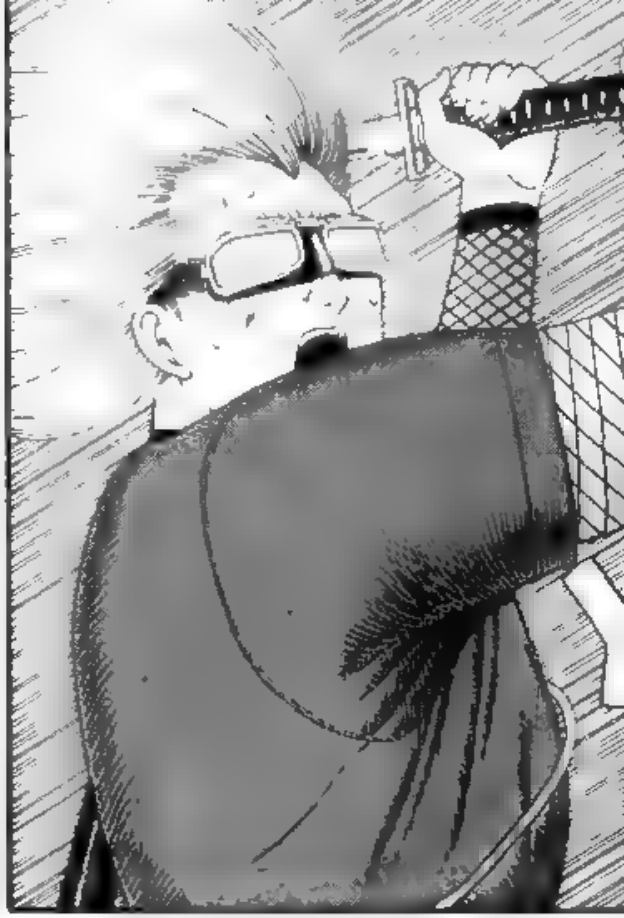
THAT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, MAN.
N- NO IT ISN'T!!
THEN DID YOU ACTUALLY SEE IT?
DID YOU SEE SHIROYAMA'S SOUL?
HOW COULD SOMEONE ALIVE LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT SHIROYAMA'S FEELING WHEN HE'S DEAD?
WE HAVE A VERY STRONG BOND!!
TH-THAT'S HOW... I CAN FEEL IT...
THAT'S JUST YOUR OWN WISHFUL THINKING.
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A SOUL.
SHUT UP!!
THE MIGHTY NINJA

DIE, YOU FAT FUCK!!
URRRGH
PUFUMA!!
HAK
!??
ARRRRRRR
AIEEE!!
HAK
URRRRGH

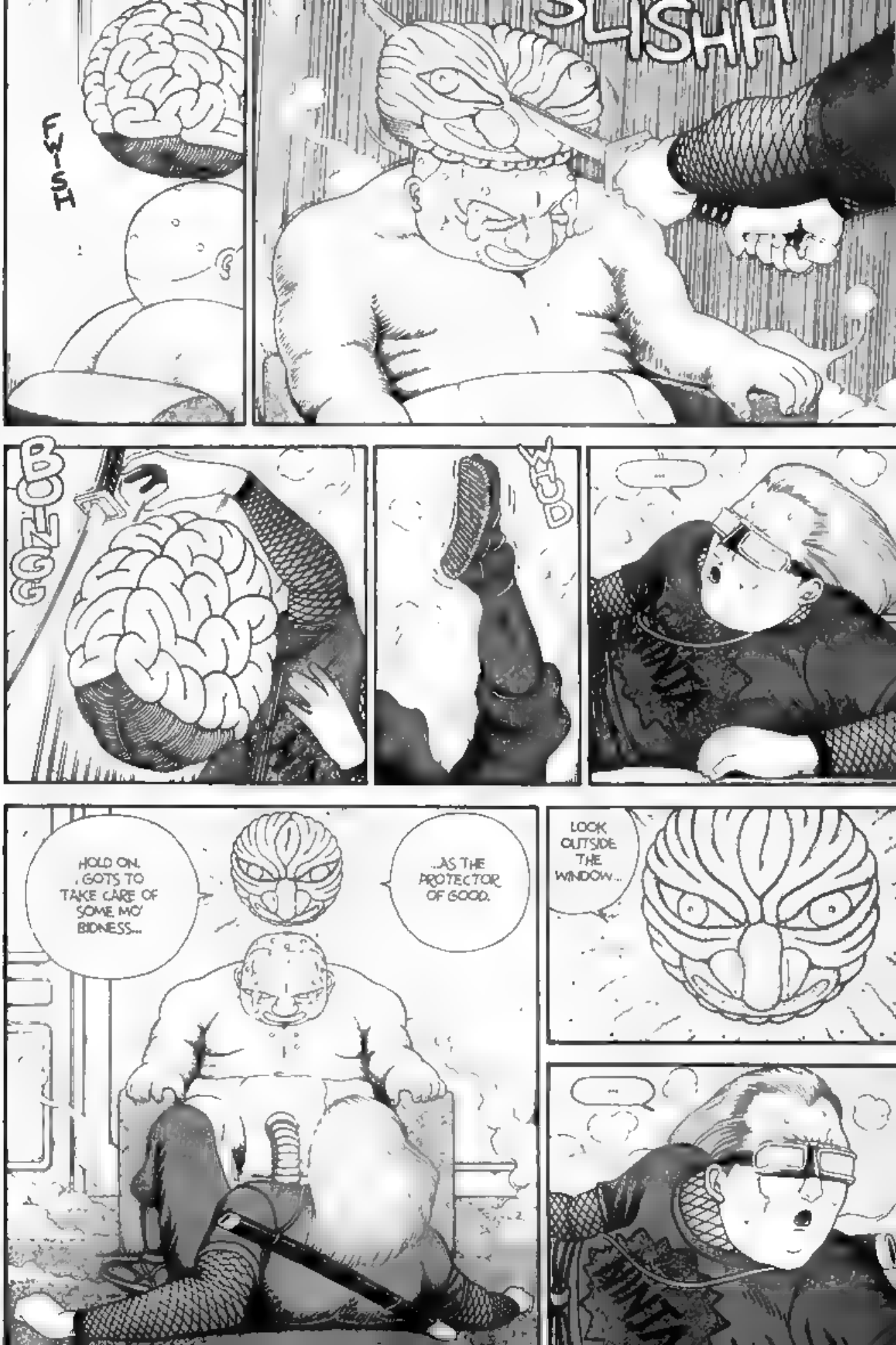

HAK
URRRRRRR
CAN YOU SEE IT?
I AM...

THE SOUL OF BAKUNE...

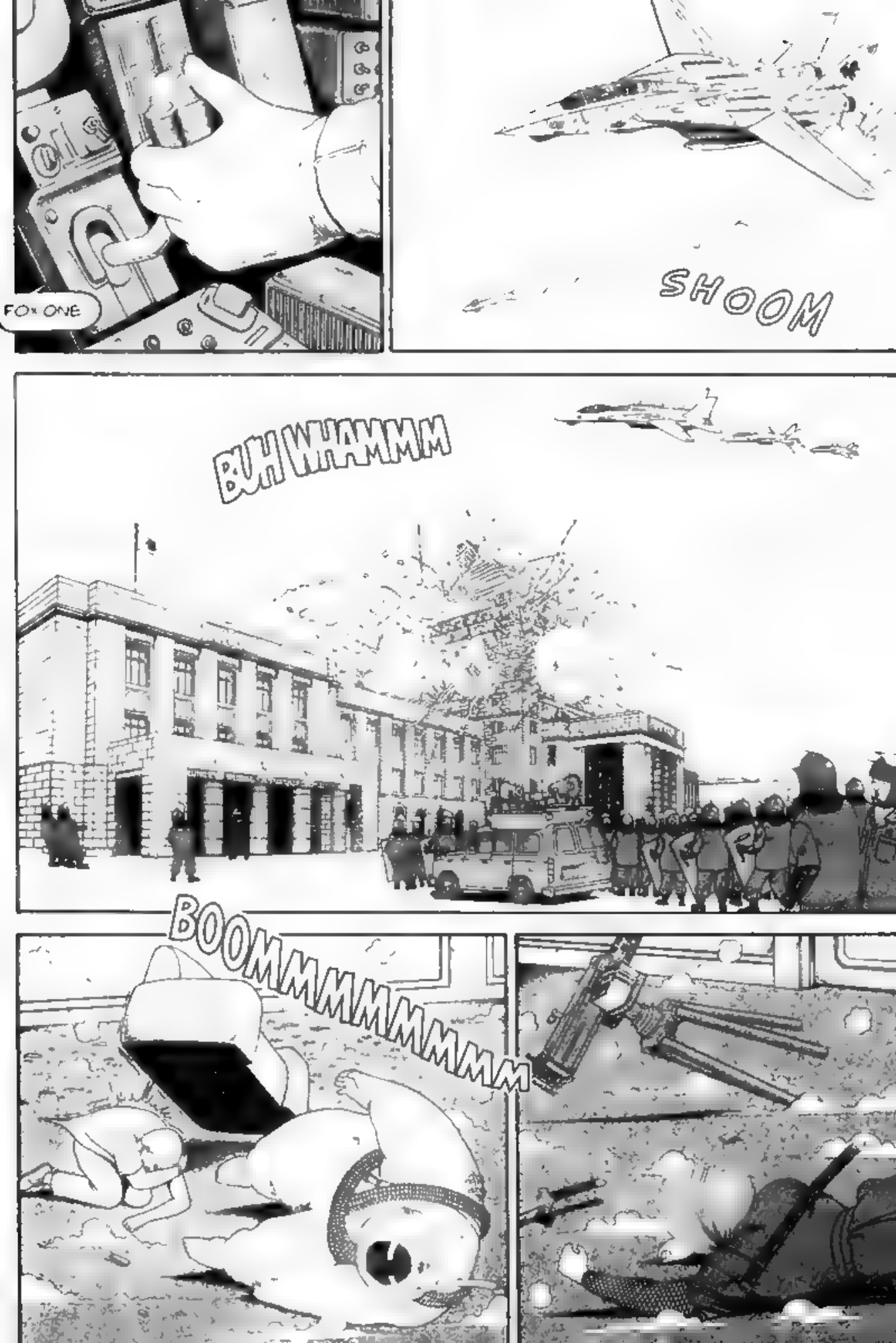


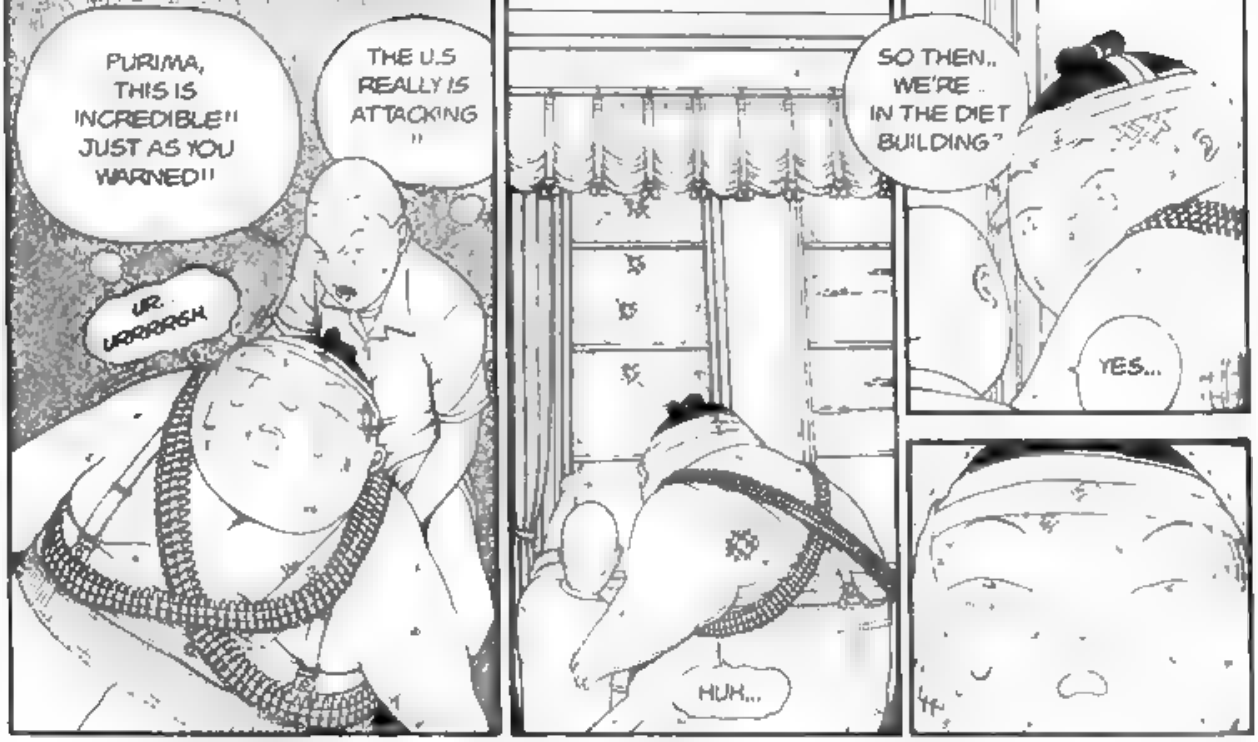
FLISH

fwich
HUH!!
THE SOUL HAS NO SHAPE...
...YOU CANNOT CUT THROUGH SOMETHING WITHOUT FORM...
UHHRGH.
YOU HAVE TO CUT... THE ESSENCE.
THE MIGHTY NINJA

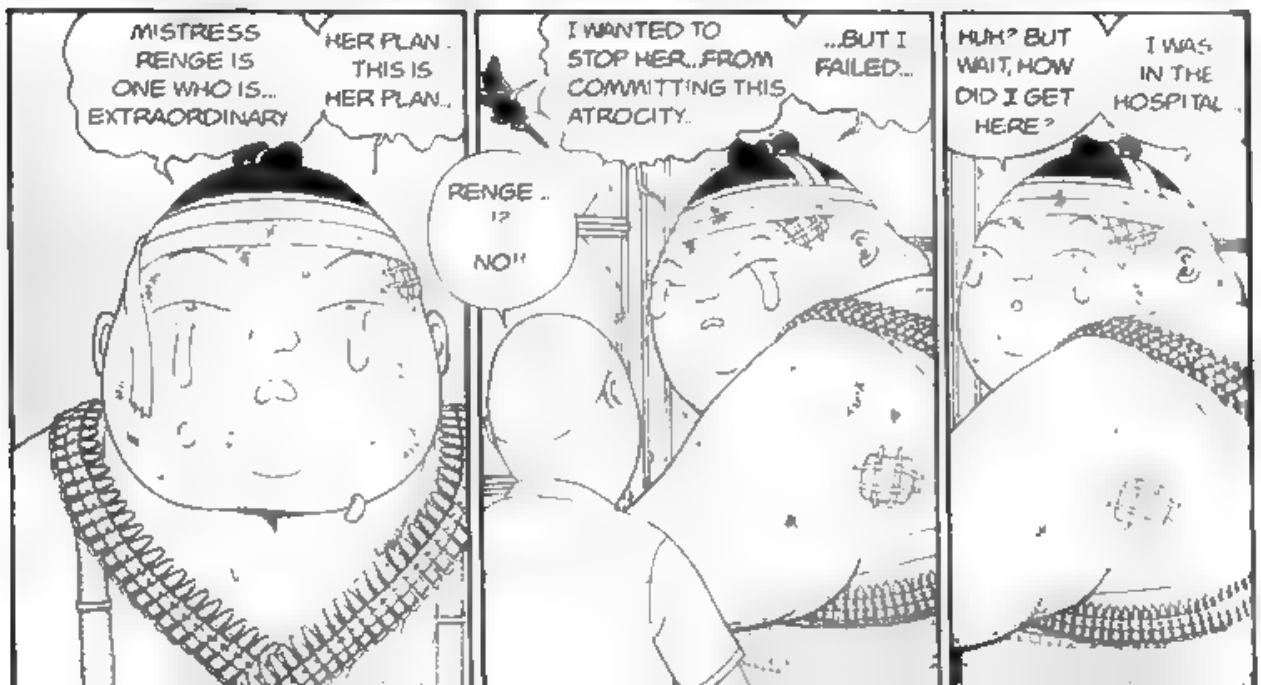

FWISH
SLISHH
BZZGG
KDD
HOLD ON. I GOTS TO TAKE CARE OF SOME MO' BIDNESS...
...AS THE PROTECTOR OF GOOD.
LOOK OUTSIDE THE WINDOW...
...

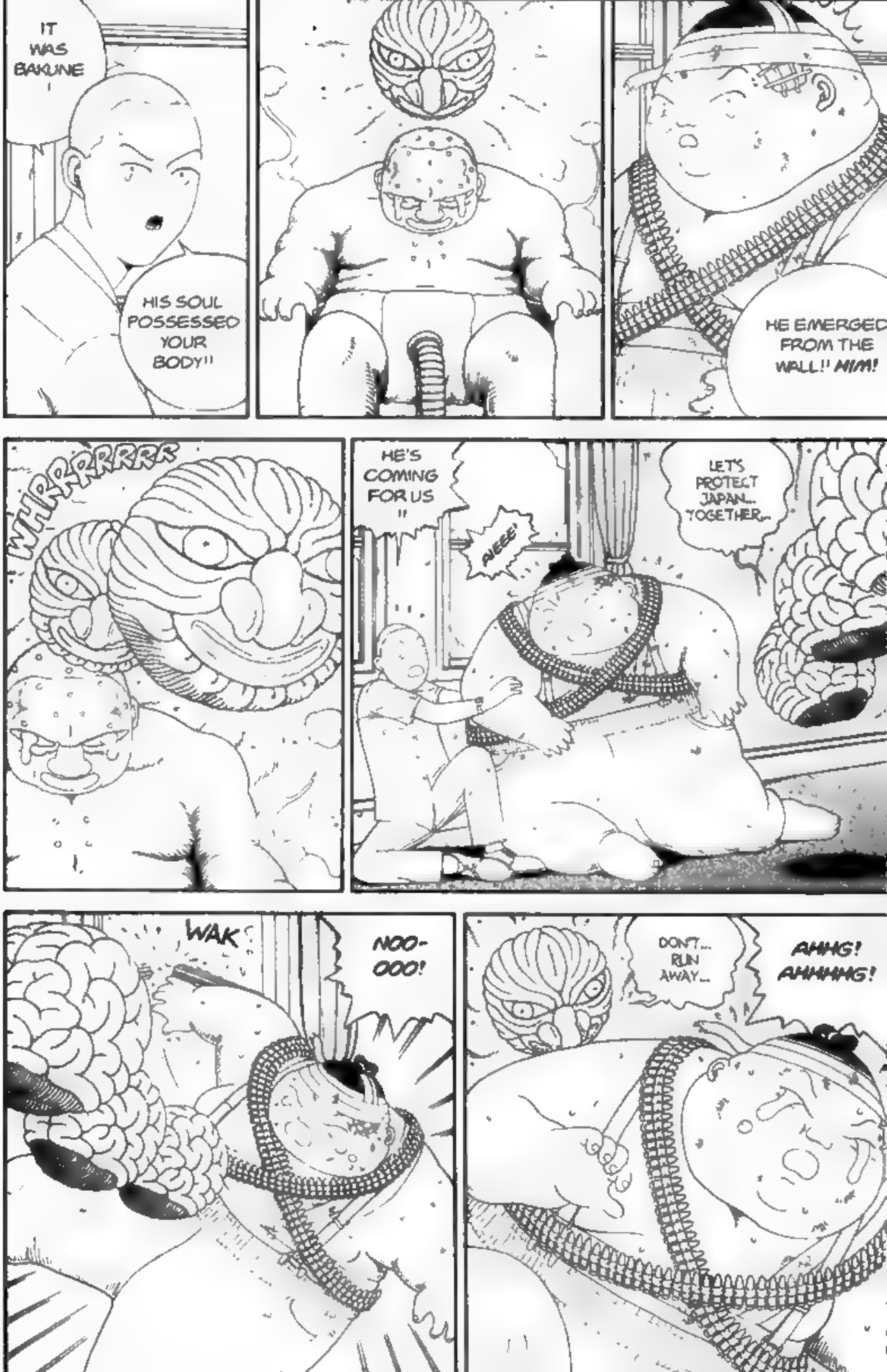
RRRRRR
RRRRRRRRRR
109
108
SO THEY'RE HERE AT LAST
F-FIGHTER JETS!?!?!?


FOX ONE
SHOOM
BUH WHAMMM
BOOMMMMMMMM


PURIMA, THIS IS INCREDIBLE!! JUST AS YOU WARNED!!
THE U.S REALLY IS ATTACKING !!
UR. URRRRGH
HUH...
SO THEN.. WE'RE .. IN THE DIET BUILDING?
YES...

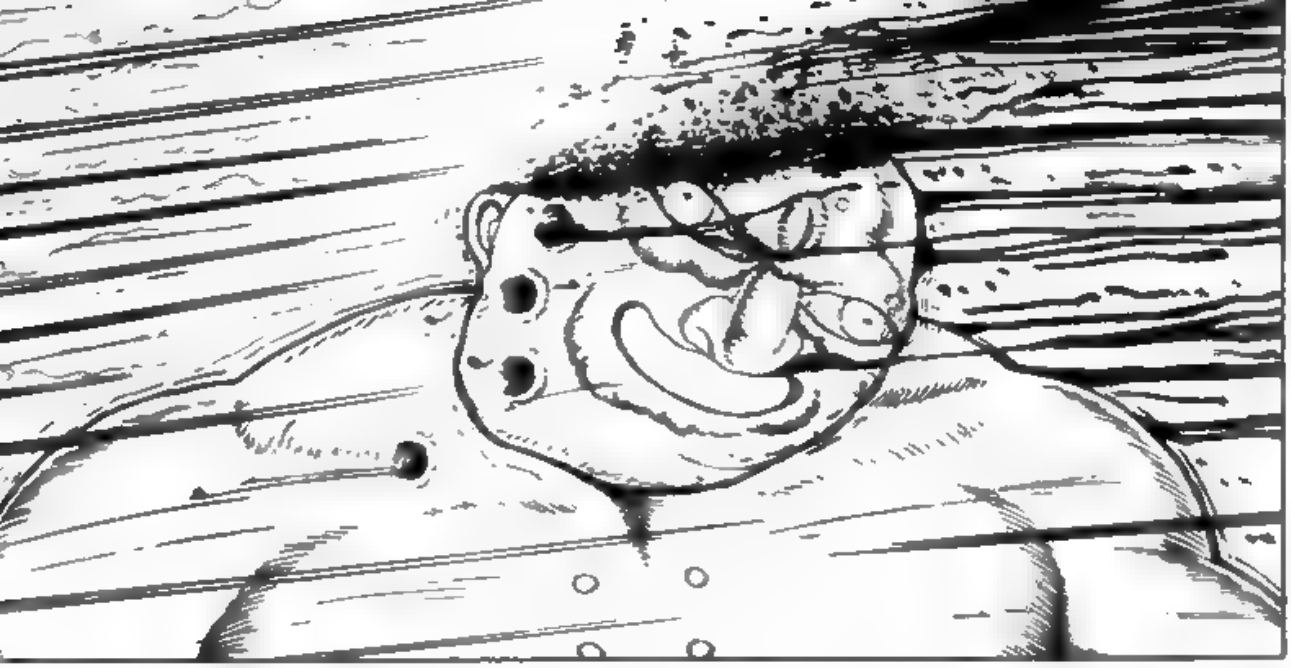
PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE! LOCK ON!
FOX THREE!
BLAMM

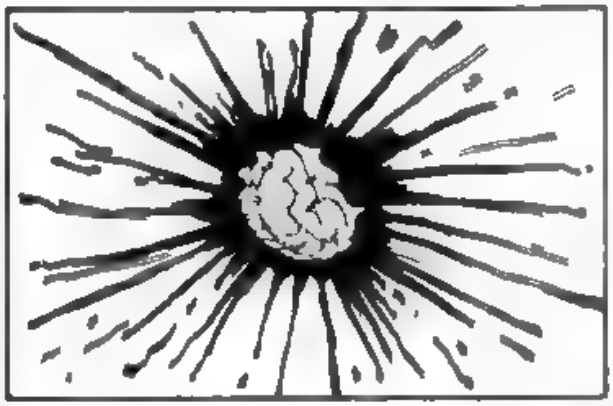

MISTRESS RENGE IS ONE WHO IS... EXTRAORDINARY
HER PLAN . THIS IS HER PLAN..
RENGE .. !? NO!!
I WANTED TO STOP HER..FROM COMMITTING THIS ATROCITY.
...BUT I FAILED...
HUH? BUT WAIT, HOW DID I GET HERE?
I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL

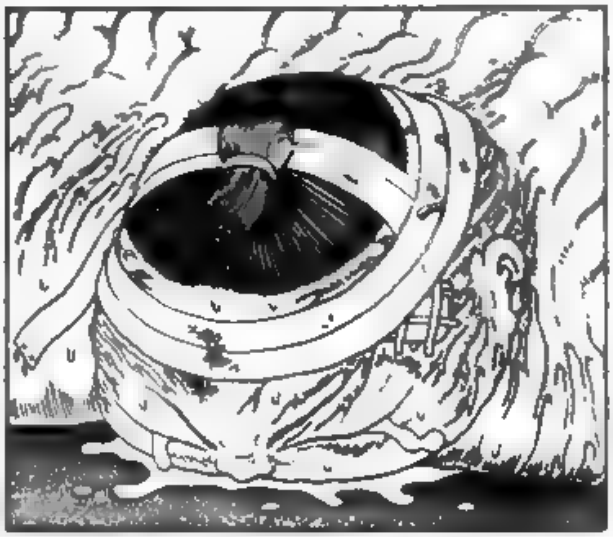

IT WAS BAKUNE !
HIS SOUL POSSESSED YOUR BODY!!
HE EMERGED FROM THE WALL!! MM!
WHRRRRRRRRR
HE'S COMING FOR US !!
AIEEE!
LET'S PROTECT JAPAN... TOGETHER...
WAK
NOO-OOO!
DON'T... RUN AWAY...
AHHG! AHHHHG!

ARGH!!
UHHHHH
GET OFF OF HIM, YOU MONSTER!!
SHLPP
SHLPP
!!

TMP TMP
CHAKK
FWOOSH
!!
NO
DON'T DO IT!
BRAKKA
BRAKKA BRAKKA







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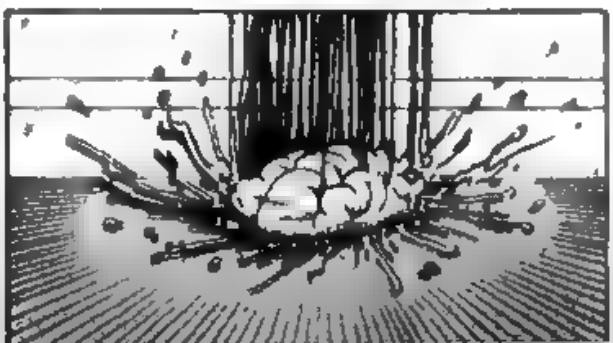
MIGHTY



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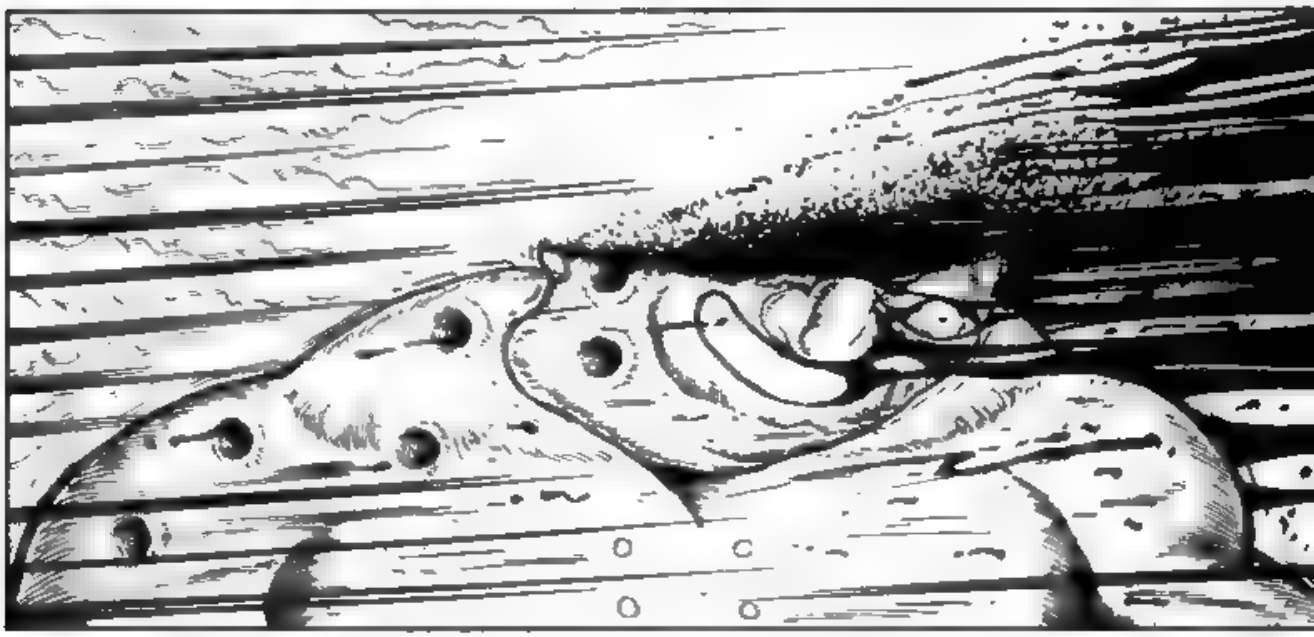
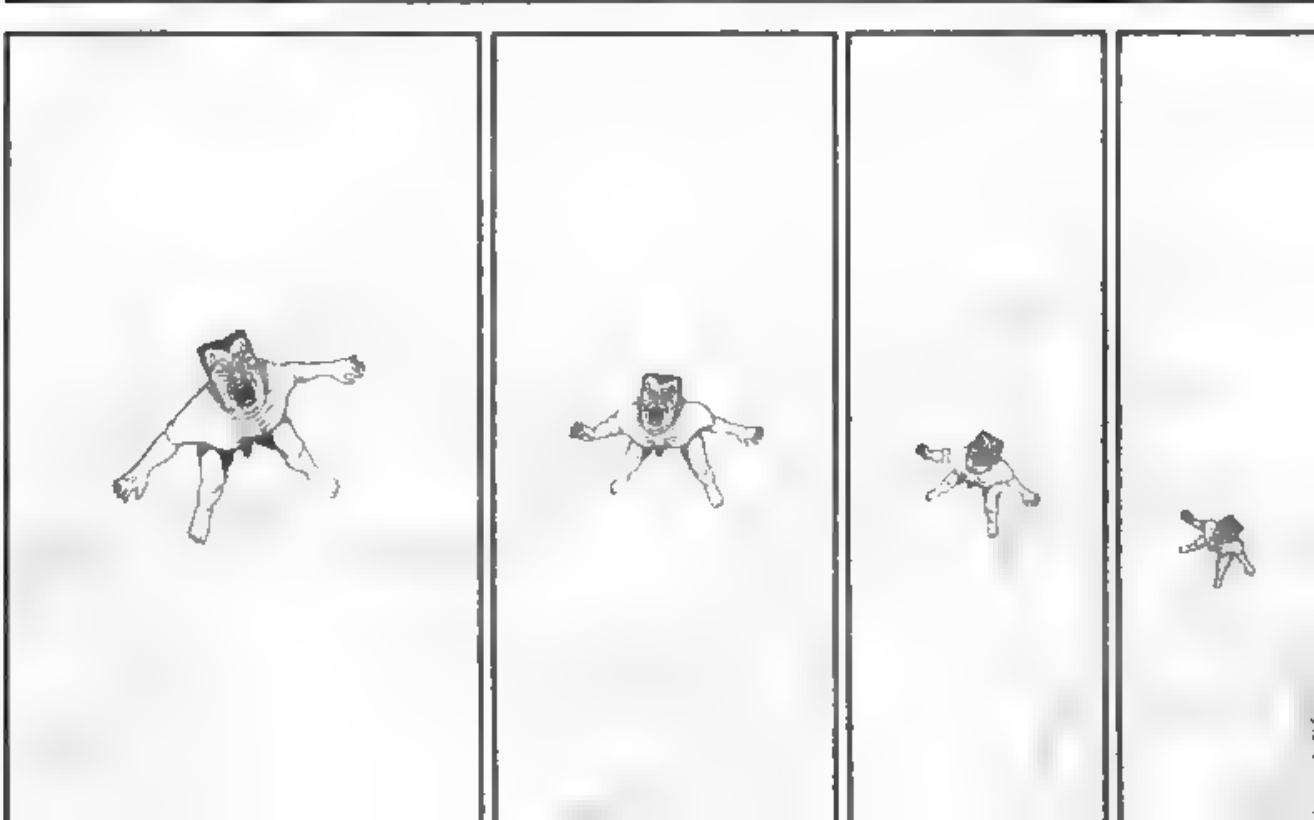
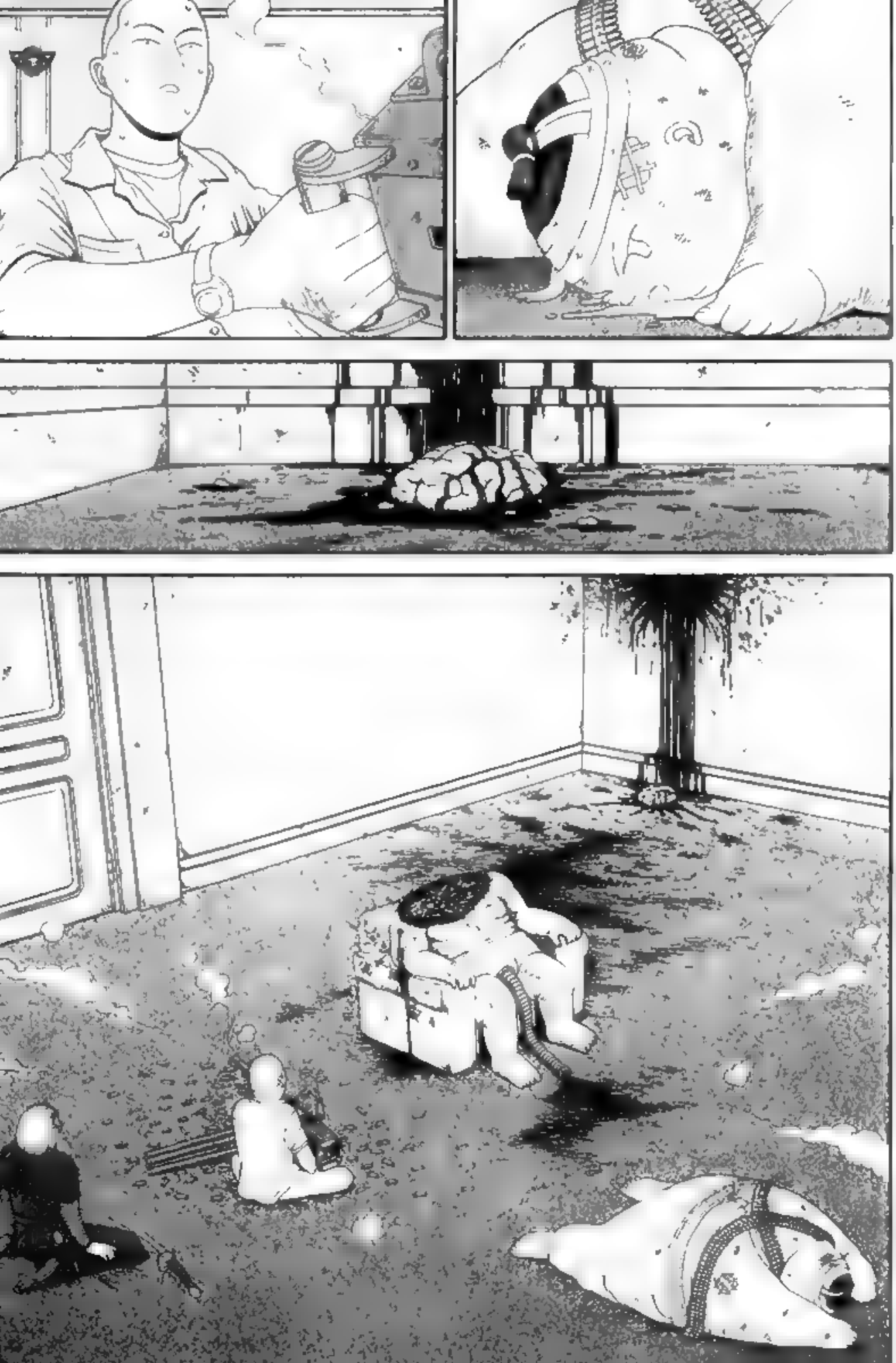
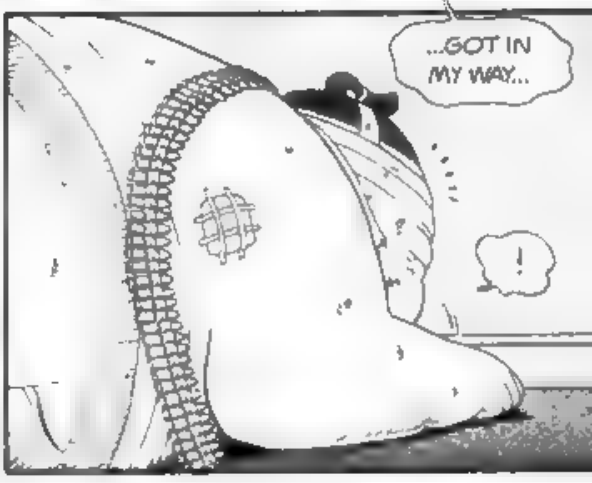






FUMP
NINJA

JUST LIKE LAST TIME
...A LOSER LIKE YOU.


...GOT IN MY WAY...
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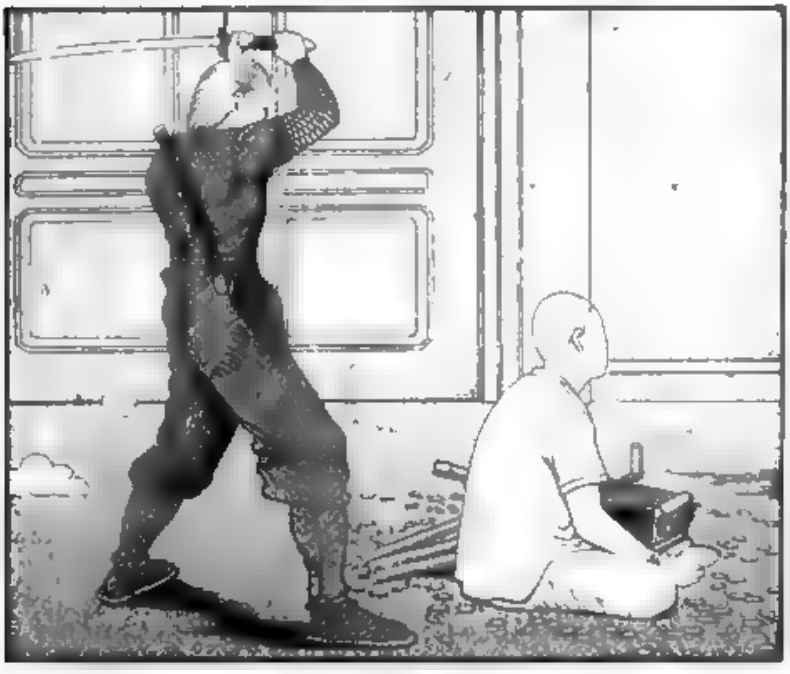

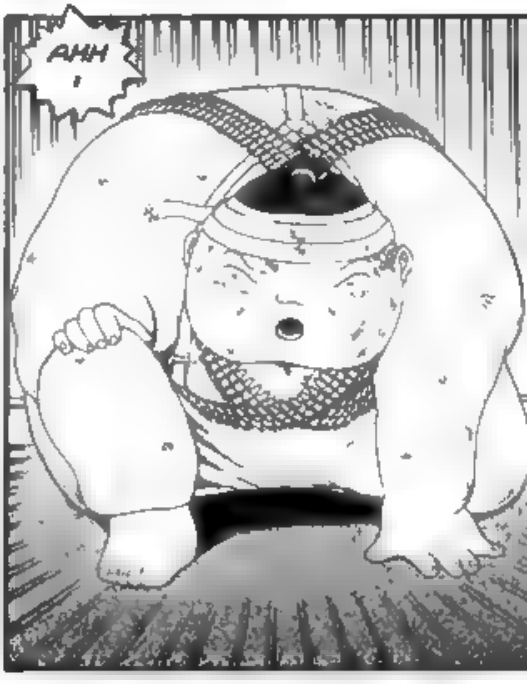
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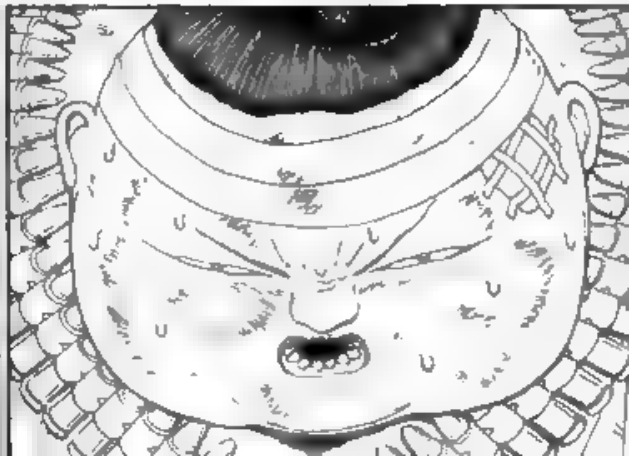
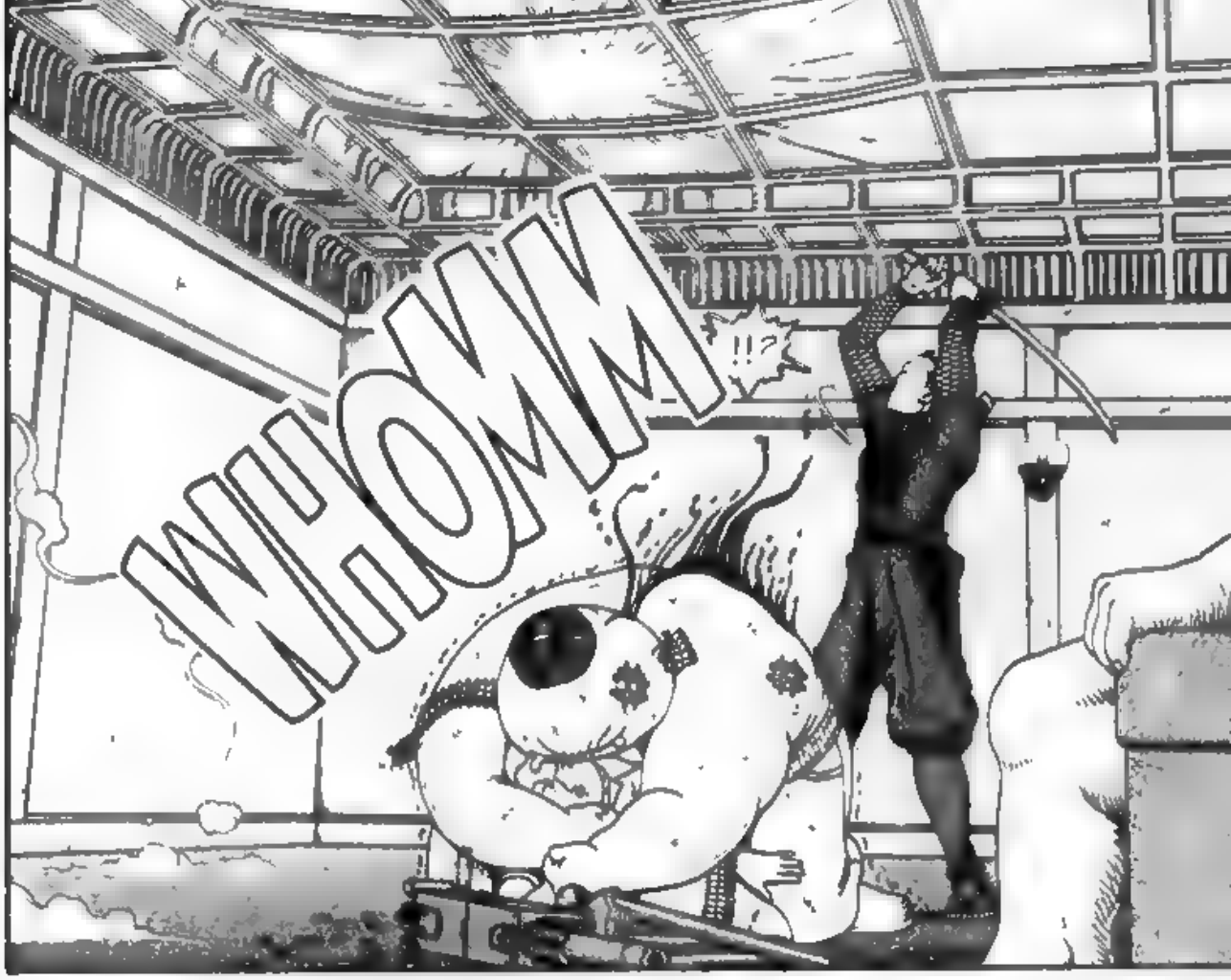
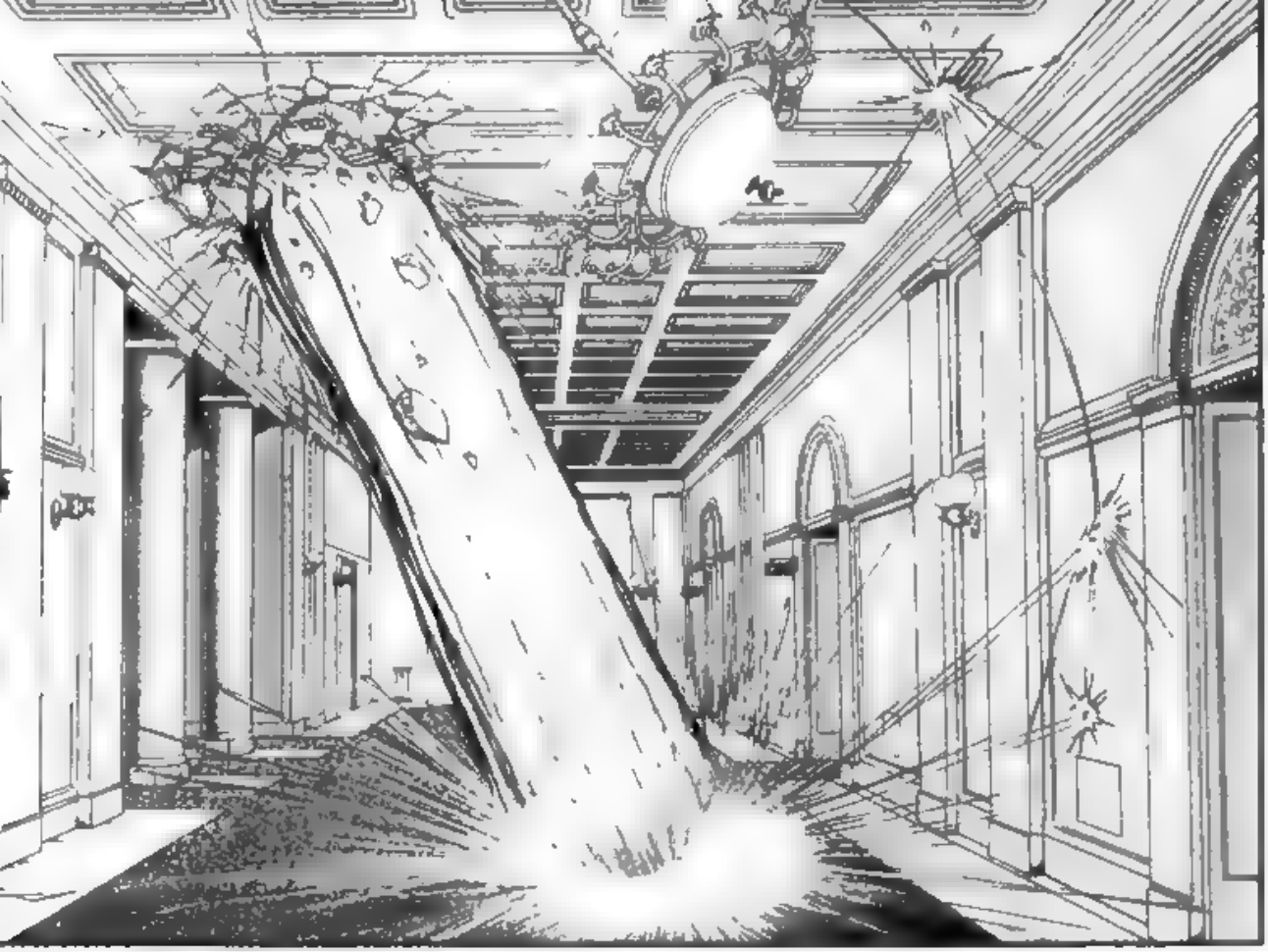
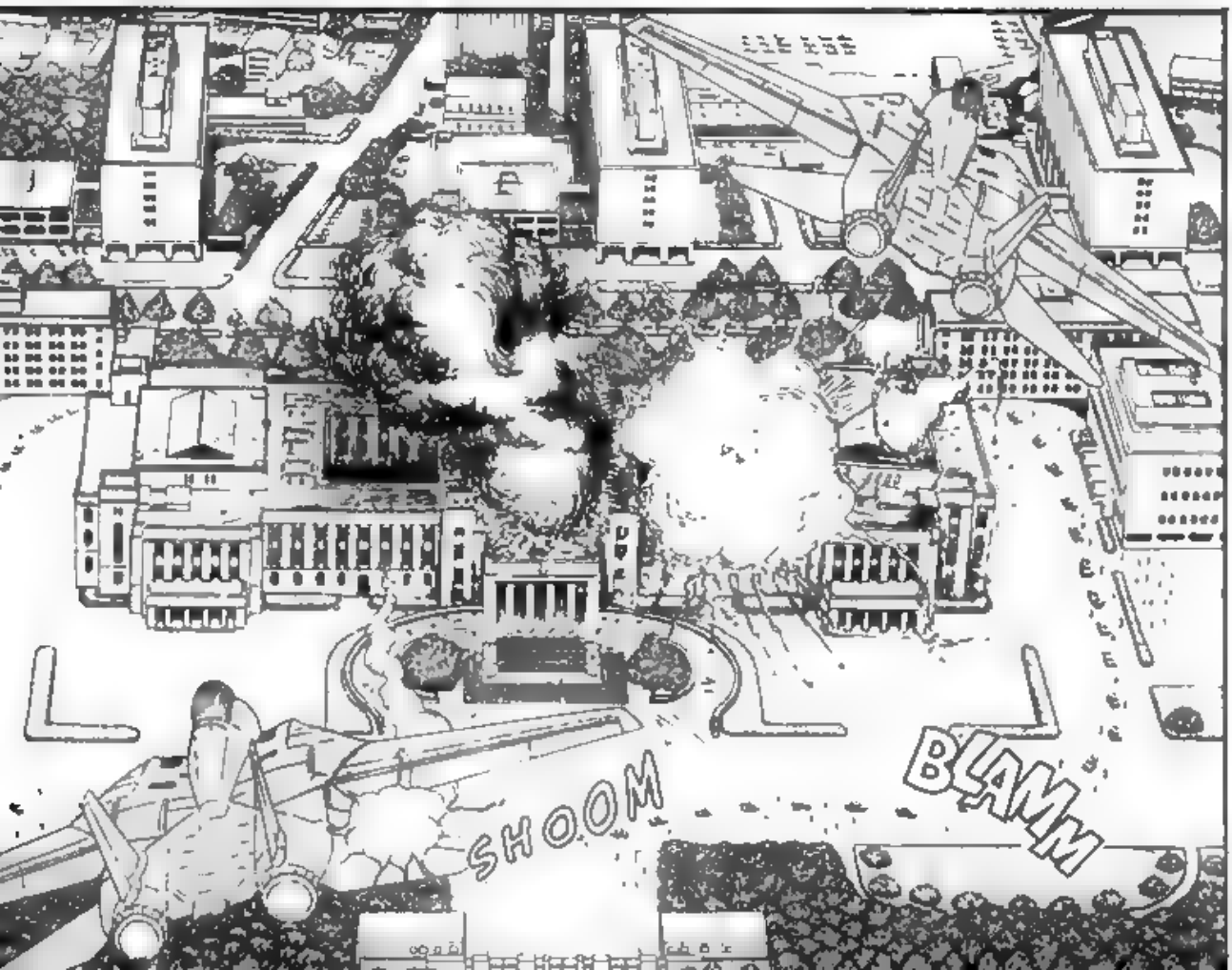


SLSSH
AAAAAAAAAAA
!?
FSSHHHHHHH
URGH
UHHHHHHHHHH
...
FWOO
OOSH


WHOMM
!!?

THE MIGHTY NINJA

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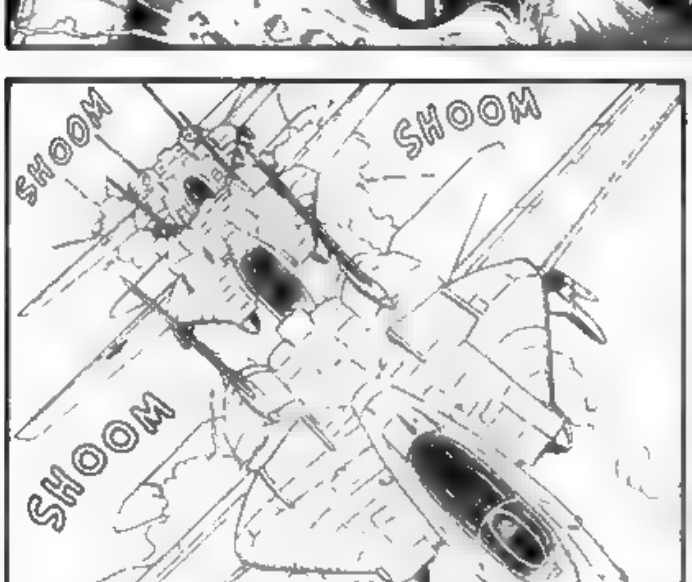
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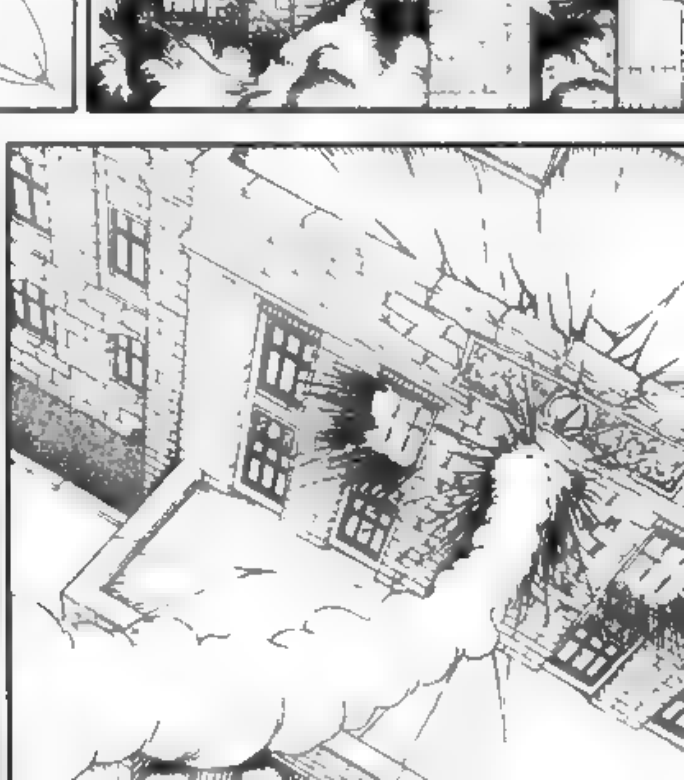

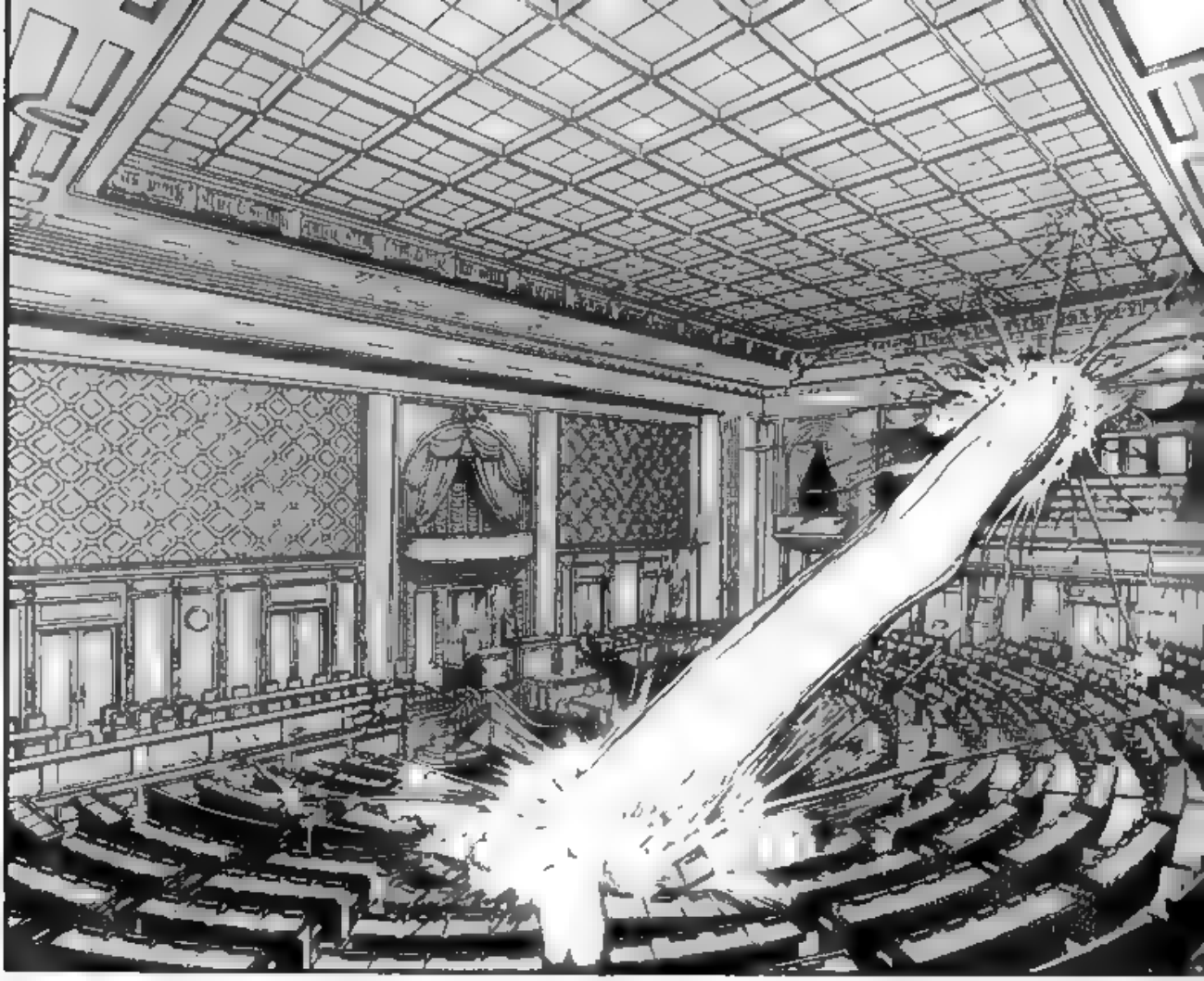

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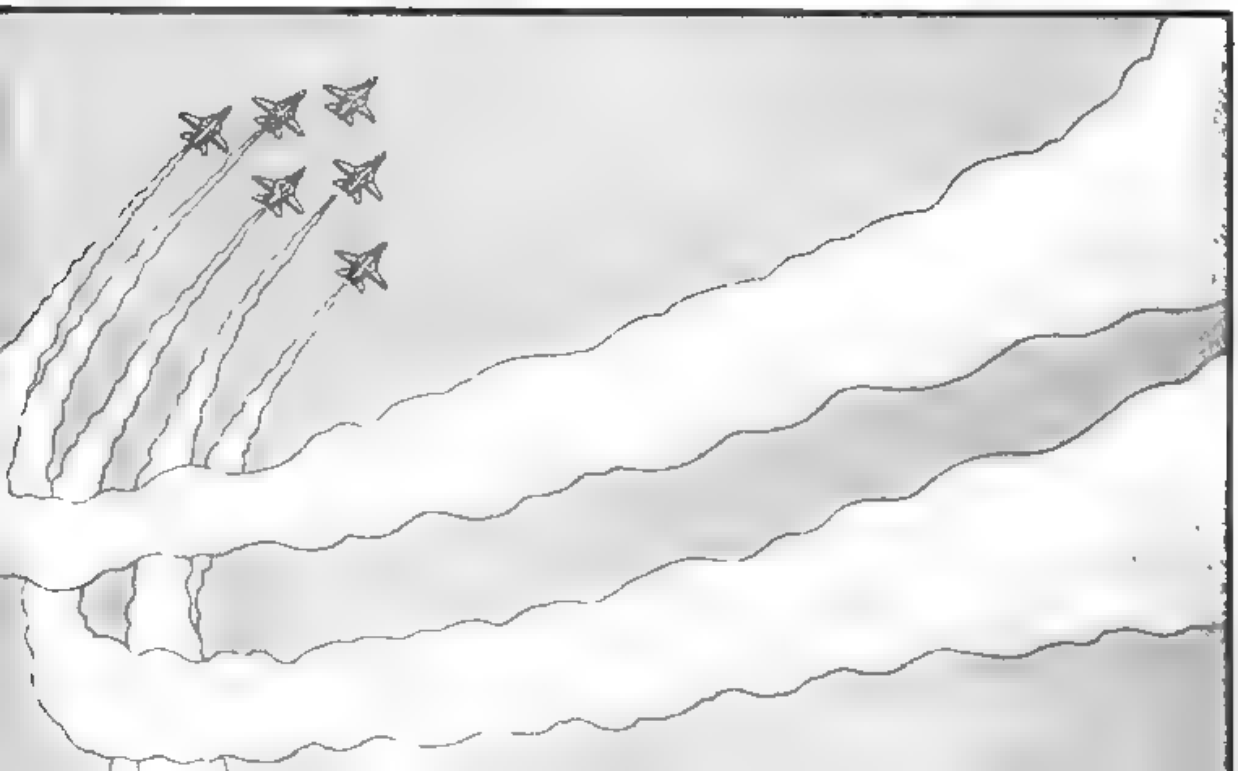

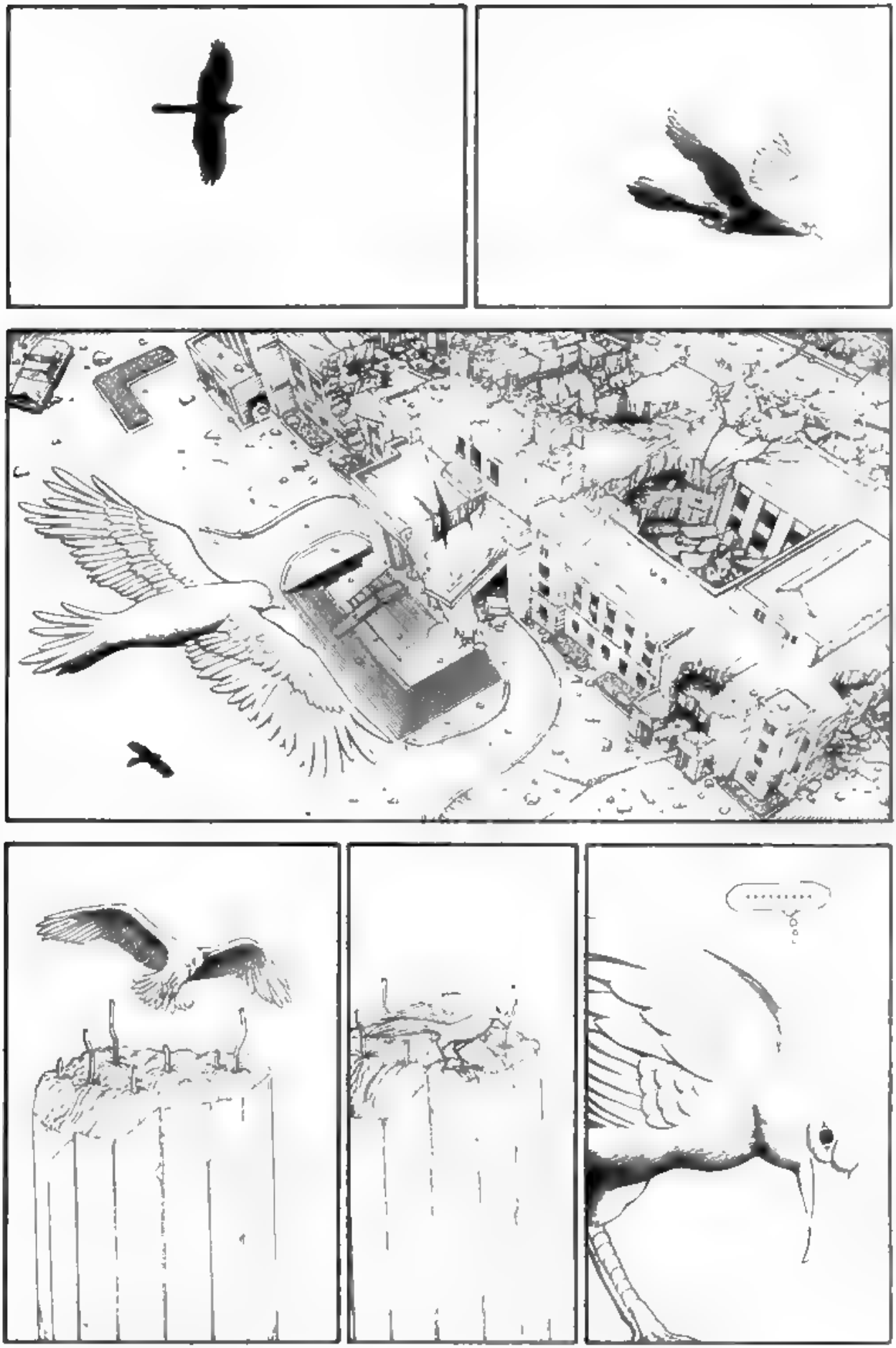

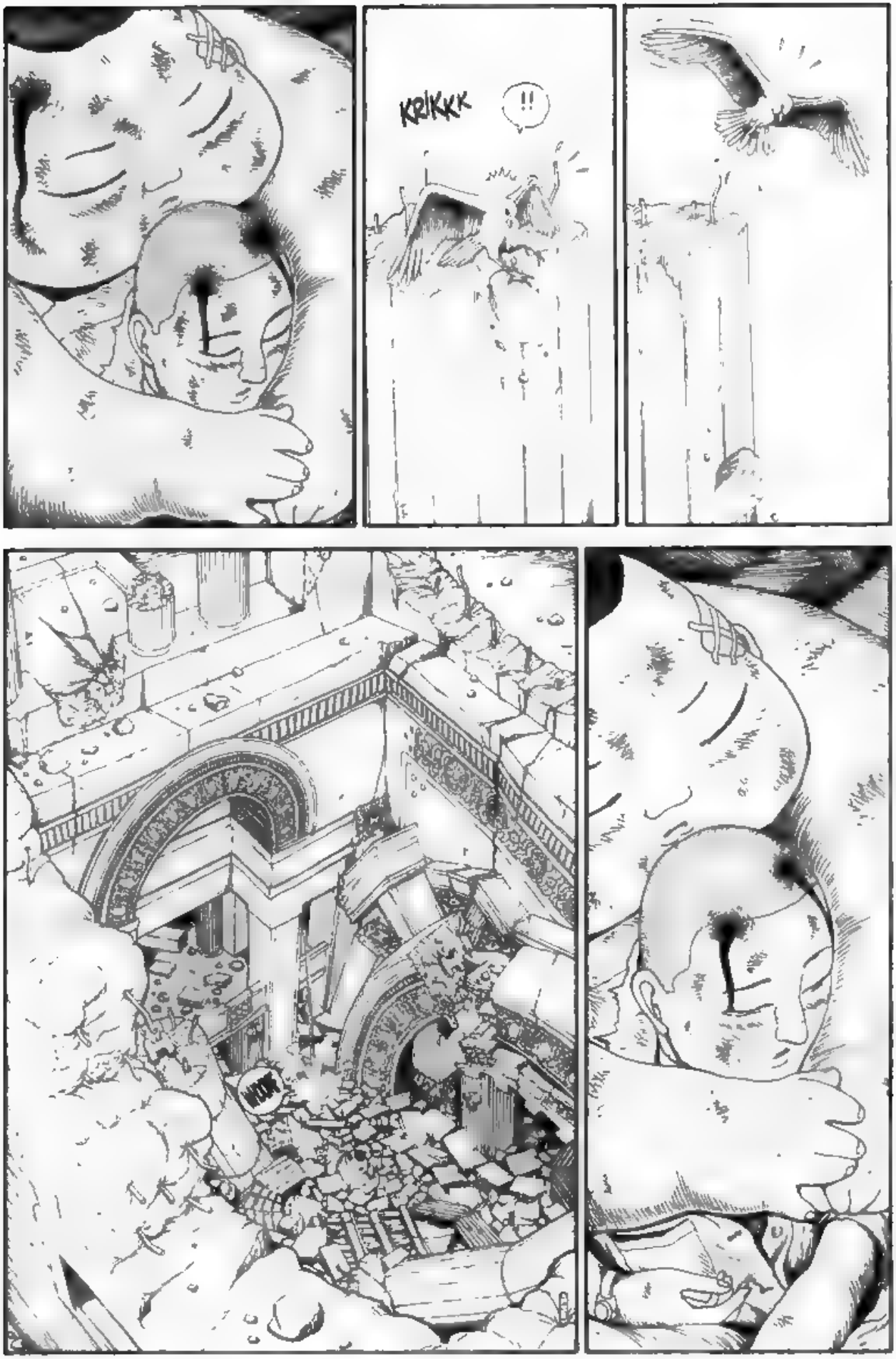
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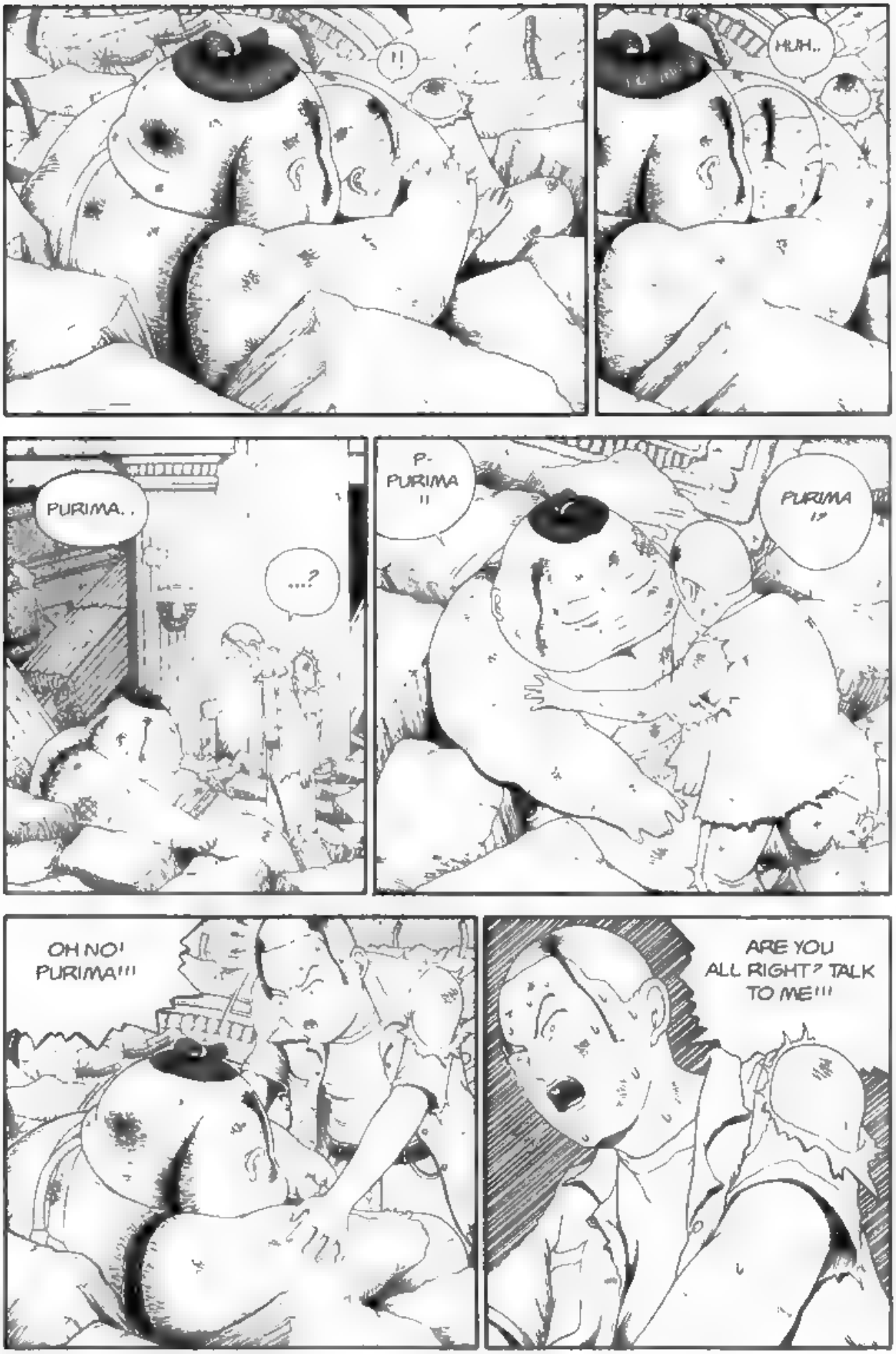
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HUH..
PURIMA..
...?
P-PURIMA !!
PURIMA !?
OH NO! PURIMA!!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? TALK TO ME!!!

YOU CAN'T DIE, PURIMA!!
PURI-MAAAA !!!
.....
UHHHHHHH
HEY.
PURIMA !!
HEY... YO... SHIO..
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
...WHAT ABOUT... YOU... FINE...?
YEAH! I'M FINE! LOOK, I'M GOING TO CALL AN AMBULANCE, OKAY?
...A-AN AMBULANCE ?
YEAH...
I DON'T NEED..AN AMBU-LANCE...
GRPP
!?

UHHH
HUGGH!!
PLIP
?
HEY!!
YOU NEED HELP! YOU'RE CUT OPEN!
PLISSH
YES... BUT
I-I REALLY AM ALL RIGHT...
I DON'T NEED...TO BE TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL
COME ON, I-I TOOK A BULLET TO THE STOMACH...
BUT.
LOOK HOW THICK MY FLESH IS...
HEH-HEH...
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS !!
WITH AN INJURY LIKE THAT YOU'RE GONNA DIE, IF WE DON'T GET SOME HELP NOW!!
I... DON'T CARE...

I...RATHER WOULD DIE ACTUALLY.
...
...RIGHT HERE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU SEE...I BETRAYED...
MISTRESS RENGE...
BUT YOU DIDN'T, PURIMA!
THAT WAS BAKUNE!
I'M TALKING ABOUT INFORMING ON H-HER.
I K-KNEW THIS ATTACK WAS COMING
...AND WENT TO THE POLICE...TO WARN THEM ABOUT IT...
...OH...
...I AM... A HORRIBLE PERSON
...AND I CANNOT FACE MISTRESS R-RENGE NOW.

BUT THE BOMBING ENDED UP BEING SUCCESSFUL...
...AND YOU DIDN'T...
YOSHIO...
HUH? Y-YES?
...
...?
I NEED YOU TO GIVE A M-MESSAGE...
...TO MISTRESS RENGE
...YES.
TELL HER THAT THE MISTRESS RENGE I...I LOVE...ISN'T THE FRIGHTENING ONE.
...BUT THE MISTRESS WHO'S K... KIND.

...
...?
.....
S-SAY... YOSHIO...
DO YOU THINK M-MISTRESS RENGE ..
...WILL EVER FORGIVE ME...
..FOR WH-WHAT I DID?
OF COURSE !!
BUT SHE WON'T FORGIVE YOU THOUGH, IF YOU JUST LET YOURSELF DIE HERE!!
U-UH-HUH.. TH-THAT'S TRUE...
THEN... THEN MAYBE I COULD... USE AN AMBULANCE...
I'M GONNA GET ONE NOW, OKAY?

I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH!!
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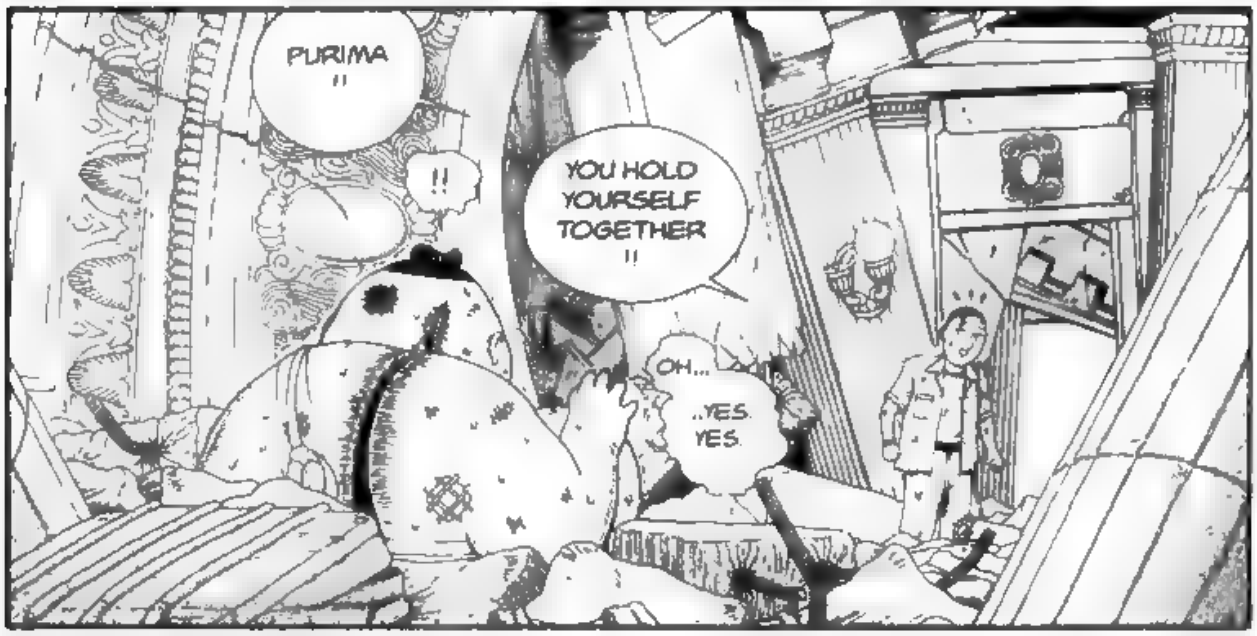
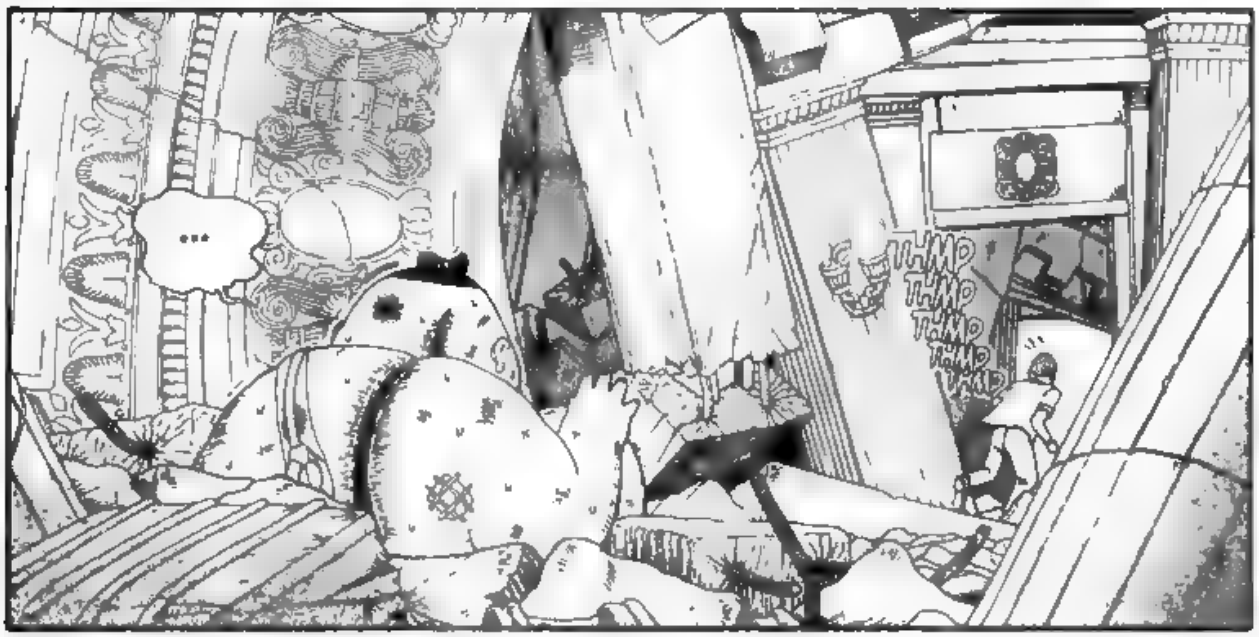

PURIMA !!
!!
YOU HOLD YOURSELF TOGETHER !!
OH...
..YES. YES.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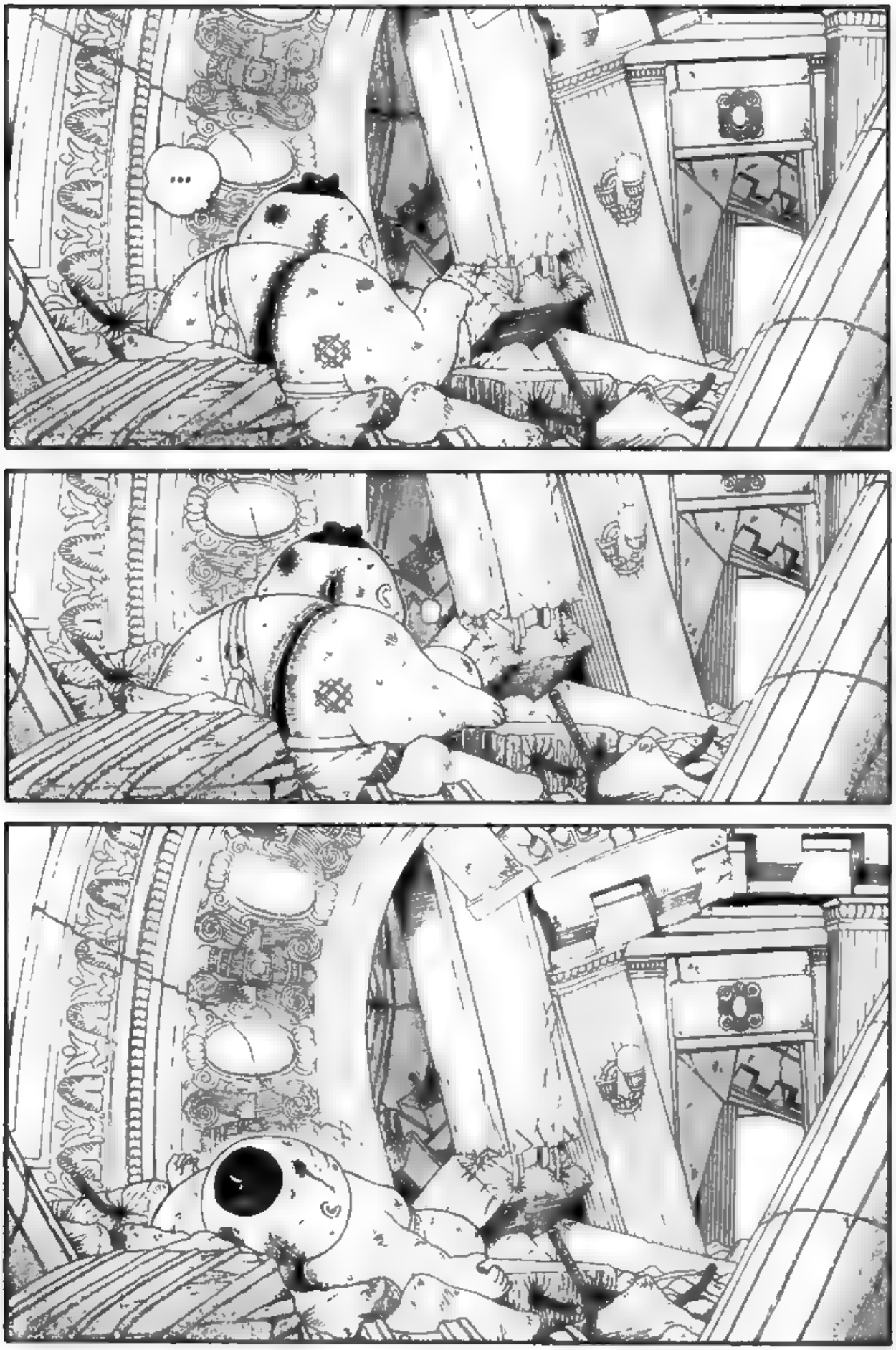
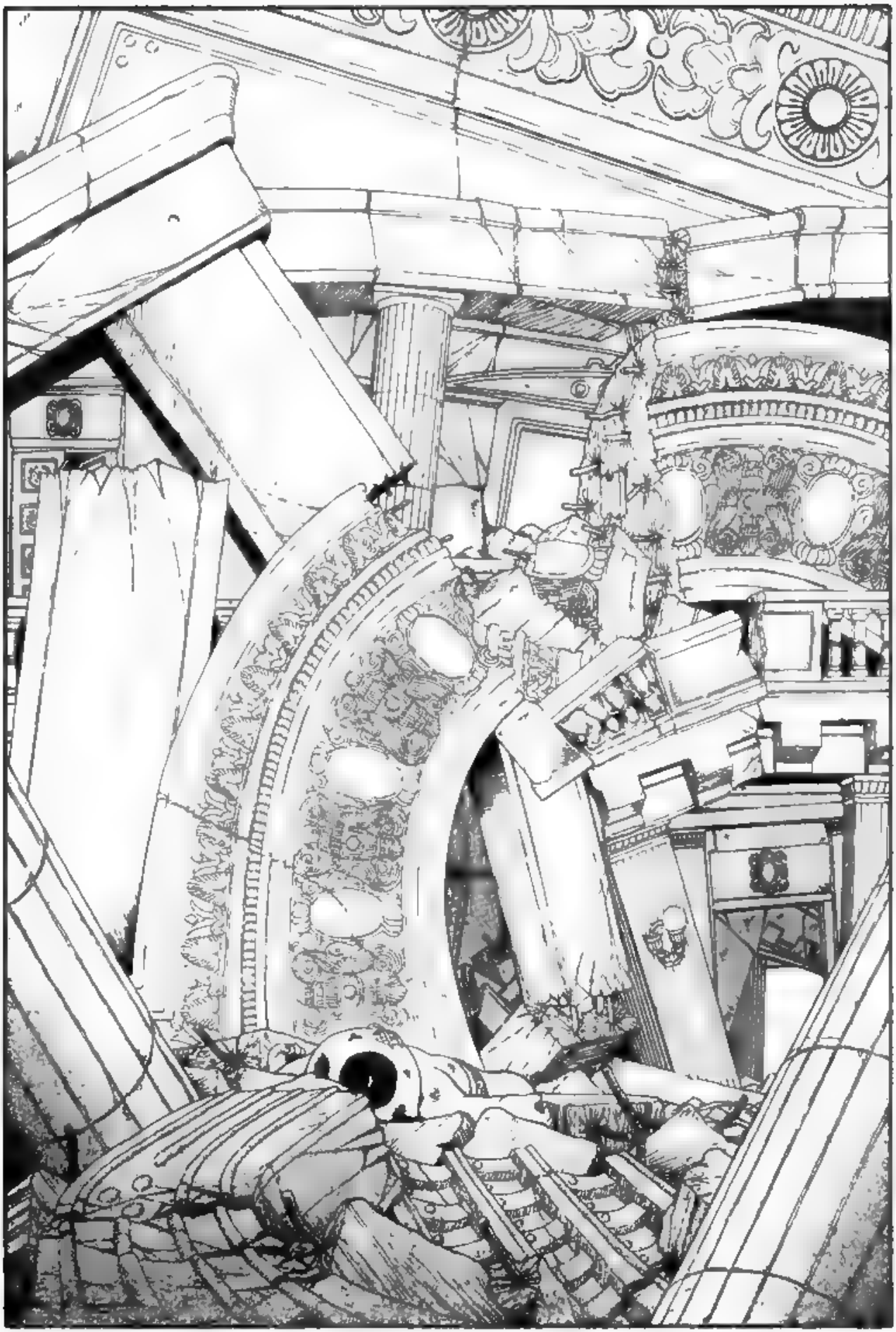
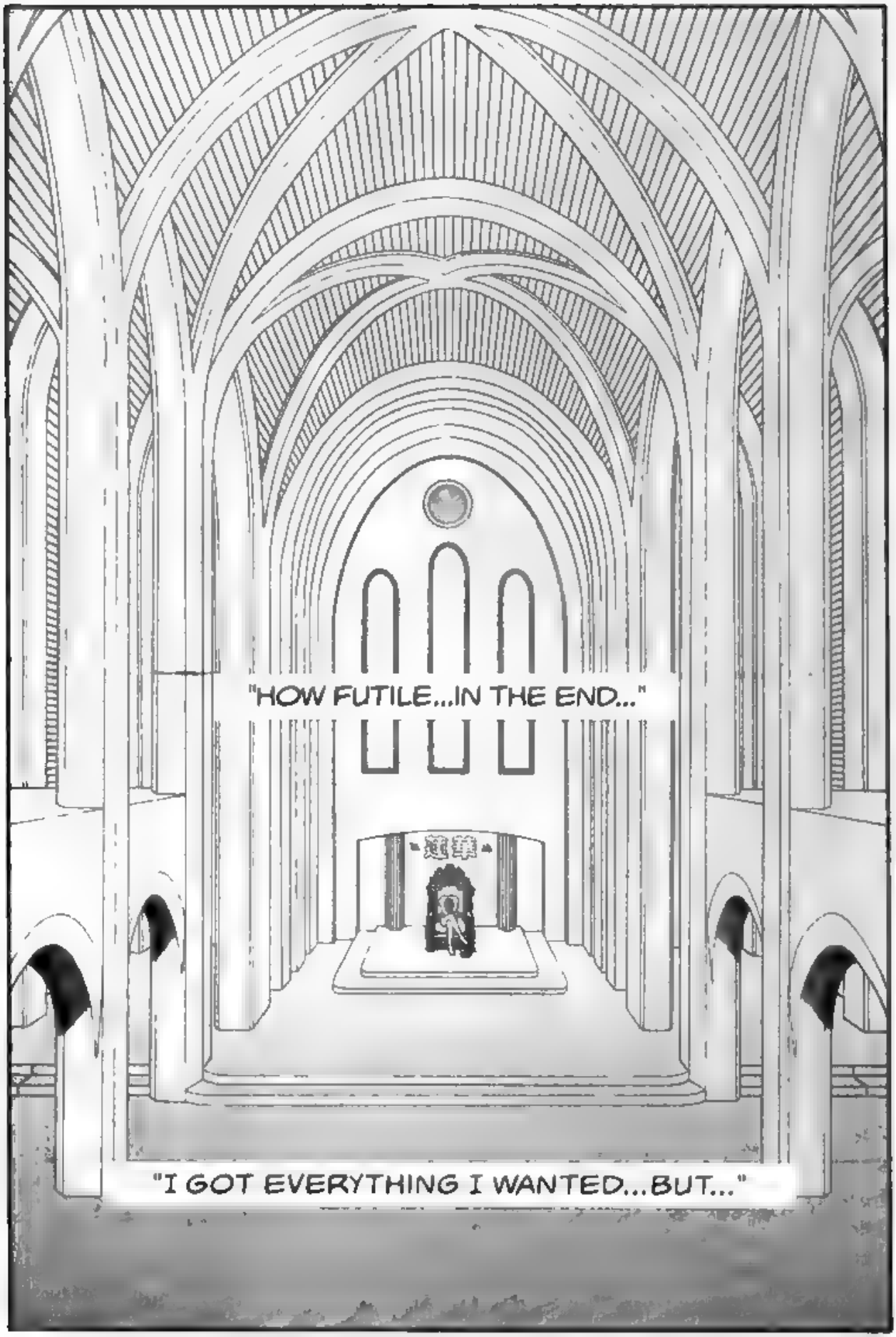
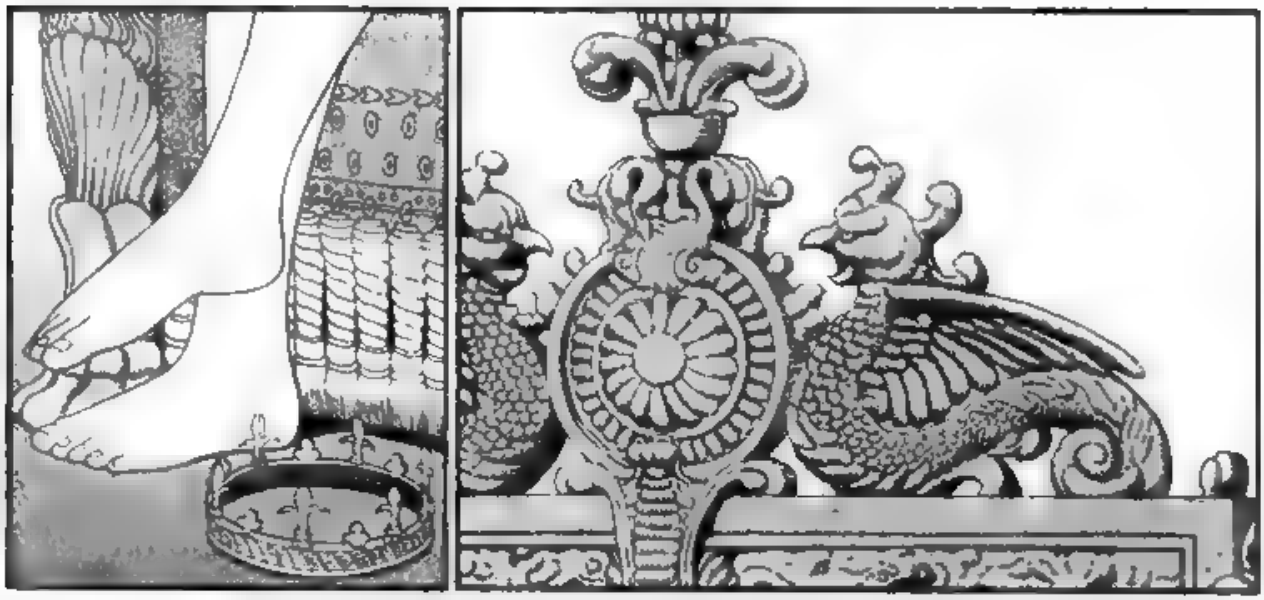




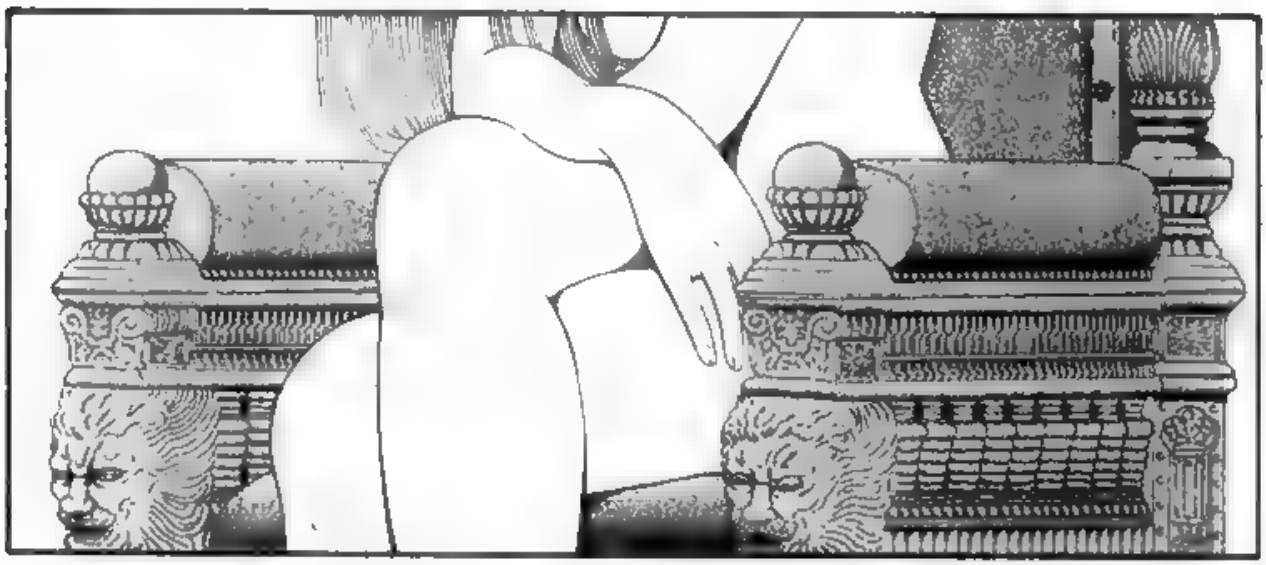
TIME PASSED...

AND IN THE IMPERIAL PALACE OF RENGE KUSURIZA...

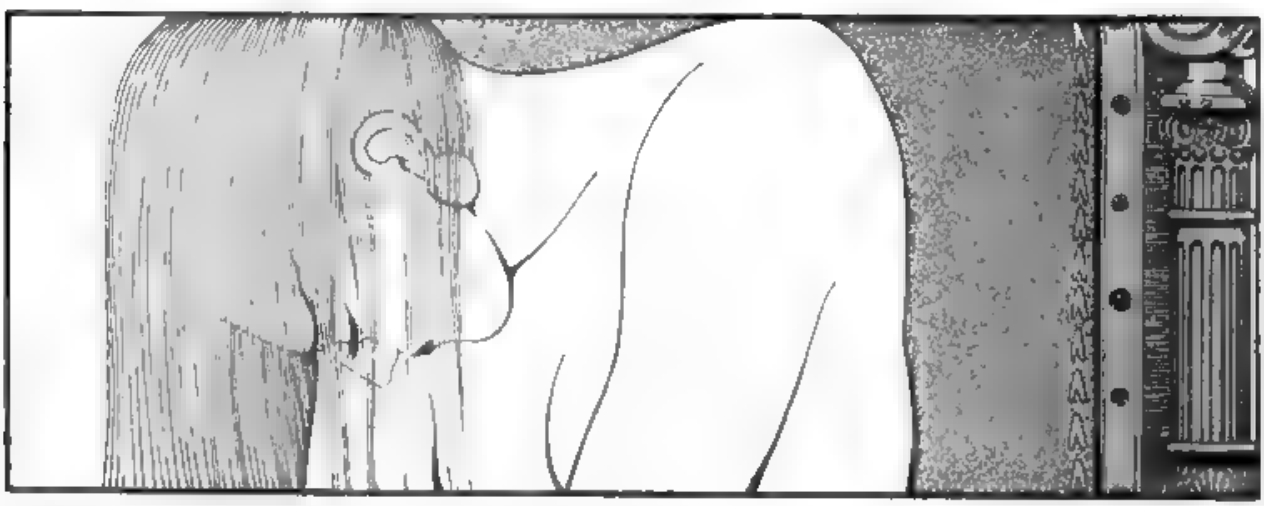

"HOW FUTILE...IN THE END..."
"I GOT EVERYTHING I WANTED...BUT..."



"...THAT ONLY MEANS I SACRIFICED PURIMA..."

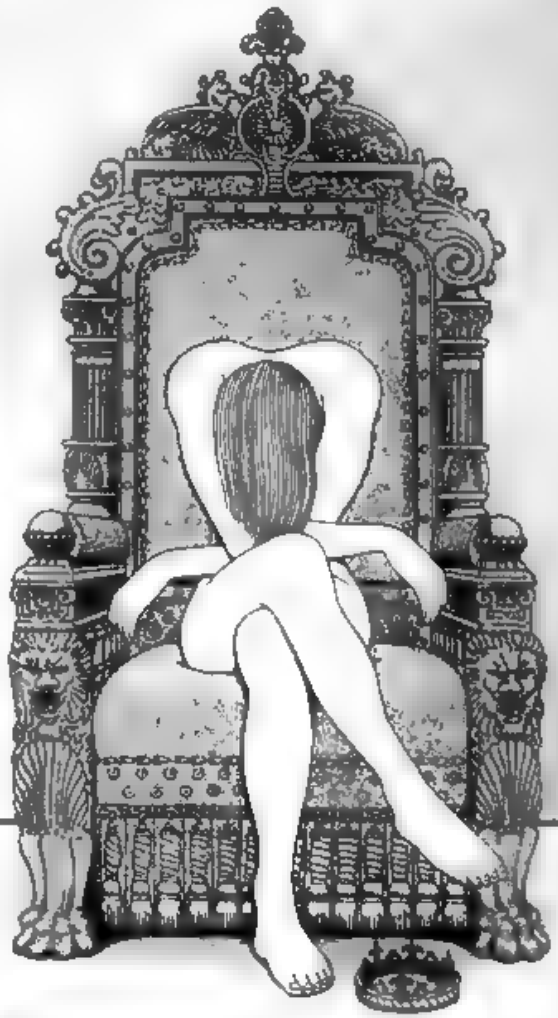


"...IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS!!"



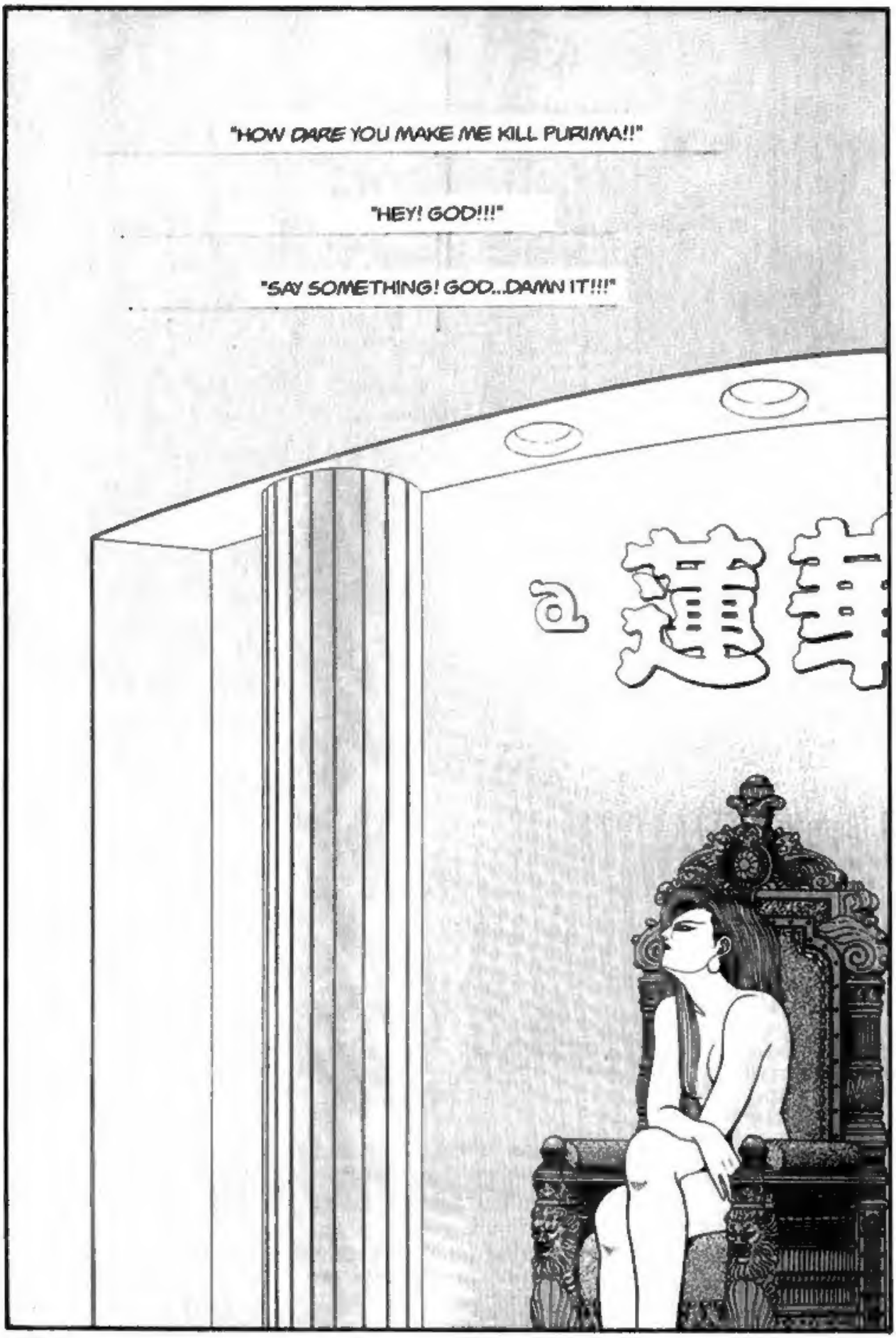
"HOW COULD I OF ALL PEOPLE...
NOT FORESEEN THAT PURIMA WOULD BE THERE..."

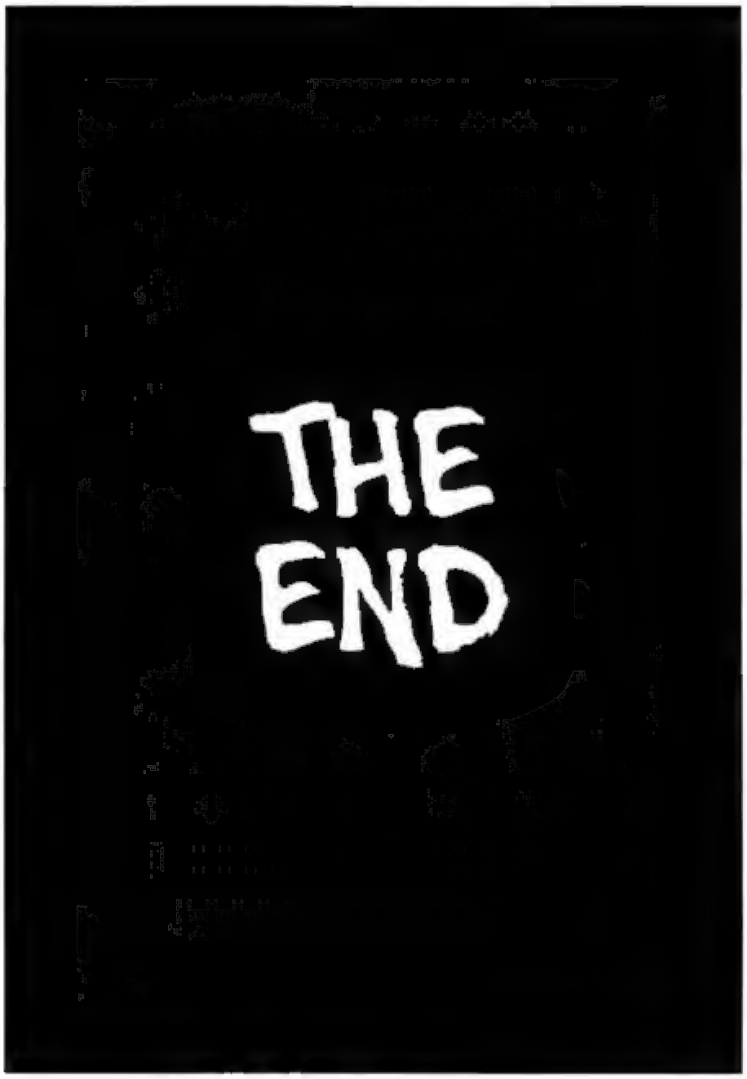
"GOD...WAS THIS YOUR DOING?"



"SO PURIMA WAS TRADED FOR THIS THRONE?"

"SO THIS IS WHAT IS CALLED *DIVINE RETRIBUTION*?
IS THIS YOUR WARNING? IS THIS YOUR SENTENCE
AND YOUR PUNISHMENT!?"


"HOW DARE YOU MAKE ME KILL PURIMA!!"
"HEY! GOD!!!"
"SAY SOMETHING! GOD..DAMN IT!!!"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